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Southampton defender  
Dave Watson.*

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Johnson  
explains  
why he's off  
target**



# SHOOT! view!

**J**UST up the road from Tottenham Hotspur you'll find the ground of another football club, where crowds seldom exceed a few hundred and whose customary triumph is to beat neighbours Walthamstow Avenue in an Isthmian League match.

But today little Enfield F.C. are dreaming of Wembley after reaching the F.A. Cup Fourth Round for the first time.

A crowd of 6,449 — their biggest ever for a competitive match — cheered Enfield's 3-0 replay destruction of Fourth Division Port Vale.

Taxi driver John Bishop, postman Steve King and Ron Howell, still looking for a full time job, were the goalscoring heroes who confirmed Enfield as the last non-League side in the F.A. Cup competition.

The fact Enfield are still in existence is a miracle. Eight years ago the club was broke... only the generosity of local builder Tom Unwin saved them from extinction.

He paid their debts, devised money-raising schemes and built a social club, the splendour of which attracts top stars to perform there.

## Rival

Thanks to Tom Unwin and club director Alan Young, the facilities at Enfield would rival those found on many Third and Fourth Division grounds.

But they have no ambitions to seek Football League status. Enfield are happy as they are... thriving and solvent.

Why? Apart from the backing of men like Tom Unwin, the club believe in contact with their fans and the local community.

Players join them in the bar after matches for a chat.

How often does this happen at big League clubs, where supporters are often tolerated and ignored except for 90 minutes on a Saturday afternoon?

Perhaps it's too much to expect this sort of involvement in the First Division. Certainly clubs in our lower Divisions might learn a few lessons from Enfield.

Managed by a school-teacher, Eddie McCluskey, the men who are the toasts of North London are a credit to the game.

With all due respect to Barnsley, we wish them well at Oakwell on Saturday.

Football would be a lot poorer without the Enfields and Tom Unwins of this world!

**A**FTER the frankly uninspired draw which the F.A. Challenge Cup committee managed to perpetrate for the Third Round, they certainly made amends when it came to shaping the Fourth Round.

Whoever could have conjured up anything better than Everton against Liverpool; or Manchester City against Norwich City, Shrewsbury Town against Ipswich Town and Nottingham Forest against



## PREVIEW F.A. Cup THIRD ROUND

# A FANTASTIC draw

Manchester United?

Plum ties all of them, and the ration of goodies was sufficiently appetising to excite football fans in all corners of the country.

It didn't take long to work out the tie of the round. The names of Everton and Liverpool almost seemed to come out in the same breath, but then they always do.

It's remarkable that Merseyside's big two have actually met twice before in the Cup as recently as the 1970's, and came within an ace of doing so last season when both reached the Semi-Finals, only to avoid one another — and then both lose to West Ham and Arsenal.

What a day it's going to be for men like John Gidman and David Johnson.

Gidman, Liverpool born, was one of the Reds greatest fans as a lad when he stood on The Kop. Now he tries to knock them out of the Cup.

Johnson was Everton's centre-forward before he headed east to Ipswich and then returned to his home city to forge that formidable partnership with Kenny Dalglish.

There could be as many as 11 Scousers on the pitch, because both Everton and Liverpool have

an unusually large number of home-produced players on their books, so if you've a faint heart don't go to Goodison on Saturday — if you can get a ticket, that is!

If this is the tie of the round, though, there's no doubt which is the most romantic.

In fact John Bond must wonder what he's done to deserve the fates that have singled him out for special treatment in the Cup so far this season.

In the Third Round his club's tie with Crystal Palace was billed John Bond v Malcolm Allison rather than Manchester City v Palace.

Now it's going to be John Bond v Ken Brown or Sir Arthur South rather than Manchester City v Norwich.

"You wouldn't believe it really would you?" asked Bond. "Whoever said lightning didn't strike twice. Malcolm said after we'd beaten Crystal Palace that it was the most difficult match he'd

experienced as a manager, because he was watching players he'd coached do exciting things with the ball, and then realised they were doing it against his team.

"I suppose it will be the same with me, after all I've had so many happy years at Norwich I can't just wipe that from my mind. Still, I'm very much a Manchester City man now and I'll want to beat them just as badly as I want to beat every

other club we play."

Two years ago Manchester City were hustled out of the Cup on a snow-covered pitch by little Shrewsbury Town, then of the Third Division.

Now Shrewsbury get the opportunity to topple another big name in Ipswich Town, although one suspects this will take an even more superhuman effort.

Whichever way you look at it, Nottingham Forest v Manchester United has to produce a good game.

Again it's a tie that would have graced Wembley itself, two of the giants of the modern game colliding head-on perhaps too soon in the competition.

The F.A. Cup is one prize that has always eluded Brian Clough, and he'll get the feeling that if Manchester United can be brushed aside then this might just be his year.

Easier said than done though, and United can look back with



## FOURTH ROUND DRAW

Barnsley v. Enfield  
Bury/Fulham v. Charlton  
Carlisle v. Bristol City  
Coventry v. Birmingham  
Everton v. Liverpool  
Leicester v. Exeter  
Manchester City v. Norwich  
Middlesbrough v. West Brom  
Newcastle v. Luton  
Nottingham Forest v. Man. Utd.  
Notts County v. Peterborough  
Shrewsbury v. Ipswich  
Southampton v. Bristol Rovers  
Tottenham v. Hull  
Watford v. Wolves  
West Ham/Wrexham v. Wimbledon



satisfaction on the last meeting between the two in the League this season at the City Ground. They took both points with goals from Lou Macari and Steve Coppell.

And what a match for Garry Birtles, whose first goal for United was in their 2-0 replay win at the Goldstone Ground. How will he feel if he slots the winner past his old clubmate and chum Peter Shilton?

Holders West Ham were facing a second replay against Wrexham to decide who faces Fourth Division Wimbledon in the Fourth Round.

The Hammers were expected to make easy progress against the Cup fighters from North Wales, but with their Third Round meeting to take place at the Racecourse Ground, Arfon Griffiths' team could yet swing it their way.

It's difficult forecasting against a home win at Barnsley.

## Hard

Norman Hunter's side have lost at home only twice all season, and it's hard to imagine the only surviving non-League club Enfield adding to that collection.

It's a poor draw for the Isthmian League Champions who deserved better after putting out Hereford and Port Vale.

Middlesbrough's clash with West Bromwich Albion is undoubtedly a meeting of heavyweights.

Both sides are built around big men, Craggs, Ashcroft and McAndrew of Boro, Wile, Robertson and Regis of Albion. You'll be able to

hear the grunts and groans all around Teesside.

Middlesbrough's 5-0 annihilation of Swansea was without doubt the outstanding performance of the last round, coming as it did at the Vetch Field. Albion's competent demolition of Grimsby confirmed them among the favourites for the Cup in a lot of minds.

Ironically, while one of the First Division's top sides must go out here, one of their smaller brothers Leicester City have an outstanding chance of making progress at the expense of Exeter City.

Not that Exeter should be taken lightly. They've already disposed

of nasty looking customers in Leatherhead and Maidstone from non-League football, and Millwall as well, and they can look back with pride on sterling Cup exploits in recent years, notably in the League Cup at Birmingham last season when they won 2-1.

Hull City will pull off a far greater coup if they can overwhelm Spurs at White Hart Lane.

The last time these two met was in a Second Division match in London in 1978. Tottenham desperately needed the points to move closer to promotion and they forced over 30 corners before Steve Perryman popped up with the winner just six minutes from time.

Typical of football in the two-and-a-half years since, Spurs have become a major force in the land once again, and Hull have slumped to a position uncomfortably close to the Fourth Division.

Watford will be hopeful of eliminating Wolves, and having sorted out teams like Southampton and Nottingham Forest in the League Cup their optimism may be well-founded, especially after beating Wolves in last season's competition.

Bury and Fulham needed a third game, played at neutral West Bromwich Albion, to decide who goes through to entertain runaway Third Division leaders Charlton Athletic. Mike Bailey's team are really on song at the moment, and it is hard to envisage either Fulham or Bury accounting for The

Valiants.

Coventry City at home to Birmingham is yet another derby and it really is extraordinary how many the Cup has produced this season.

Surprisingly there are no player links between the clubs at present, but that won't reduce the atmosphere behind a real Midlands battle between sides who've already met twice in the League this season, both winning their home matches.

If Notts County's name doesn't figure in the Fifth Round draw they'll have only themselves to blame.

After a good home win in the Third Round against Blackburn Rovers they couldn't have asked for more than another home date against a lower Division club, and that's exactly what they got with the visit of Peterborough United.

Carlisle United will chalk up their tenth Cup tie of the season when they entertain Bristol City at Brunton Park, and this represents just about the longest journey any side has to make in the Fourth Round.

An all-Second Division affair is the one at St James' Park, where Newcastle United take on Luton Town. Luton have just found their rhythm this season, and could account for struggling United.

And that leaves us with Southampton at home to Bristol Rovers. The Second Division strugglers sprung one of the surprises of the last round by winning at Preston, but we doubt they'll do that at The Dell.

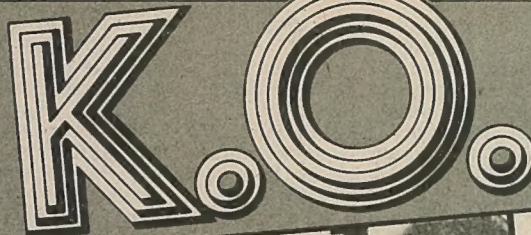


Liverpool's Ray Kennedy goes close in the 2-2 draw at Everton in the League (below). Now the Merseyside giants clash again. Norman Hunter (above) plots the downfall of non-Leaguers Enfield. Man. City's Kevin Reeves sets up a clash with his former club Norwich with his Third Round penalty (right).





# Sunderland's sensational



A brief history  
of the F.A. Cup  
Fourth Round



Mighty Sunderland take a tumble on the infamous Yeovil slope in 1949.

**T**HE Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup is 75 years old this season. It came into being in the 1905-06 season following an increase in the number of entrants to the competition.

At the start it constituted the last eight members of the tournament and this continued for 20 years until more rounds were introduced into the F.A. Cup in season 1925-26.

It was then that the Fourth Round housed the last 32 of the competition and the format has remained unchanged from that season onwards.

In 1945-46 the Fourth Round consisted of ties on a two leg home-and-away aggregate basis because of the lack of a League programme in the first season after the War.

The Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup has never produced shocks and surprises in the same measure as other rounds of the competition, but it has had its moments of high drama and excitement over the years.

## Mighty

The most sensational Fourth Round result of modern times must be the 2-1 victory by Southern League Yeovil over mighty Sunderland in season 1948-49.

The previous season, fellow-Southern Leaguers, Colchester, had set the trend by beating Second Division Bradford Park Avenue 3-2. Both were home wins for the underdogs, Yeovil taking advantage of their famous slope.

Curiously, in the season after they had fallen to Colchester, the Bradford team took eventual League runners-up, Manchester United, to three games in the Fourth Round before crashing 0-5.

Bradford Park Avenue were not the only side bearing that suffix that Manchester United had trouble with around that time. In 1952-53 Walthamstow Avenue held them to a 1-1 draw but lost the replay 2-5.

Bradford Park Avenue were also in the news in the first season after the War. Beaten 1-3 by Manchester

City in the Fourth Round, they came back to win the second leg 8-2 at Maine Road!

Norwich were giving notice that they were to become a top-class club during the 1950's and 1960's.

In 1953-54, while in the Third Division, they beat Arsenal 2-1 in the Fourth Round and 13 years later, at the same stage, they disposed of eventual League Champions, Manchester United, while in the Second Division.

In between these two blows, they had their wonderful run to the Semi Finals in 1959, beating Cardiff in the Fourth Round.

## CHECK YOUR TEAM'S FOURTH ROUND FORM

	No. of times past Fourth Round	No. of times knocked out in Fourth Round
Liverpool	20	8
Tottenham	20	4
Everton	19	8
Man. United	19	7
West Brom	16	10
Leicester	16	5
Birmingham	15	6
Wolves	13	11
Man. City	11	11
Nottm. Forest	11	9
Luton Town	11	4
Middlesbrough	10	10
Newcastle	9	13
West Ham	9	11
Ipswich	9	9
Norwich	9	2
Southampton	8	11
Notts County	8	2
Charlton	7	9
Hull	7	5
Bristol City	6	7
Bristol Rovers	5	8
Fulham	5	12
Coventry	4	10
Carlisle	4	7
Barnsley	4	4
Watford	3	5
Wrexham	3	4
Shrewsbury Town	3	2
Peterborough	2	8
Bury	1	8
Exeter City	0	2
Wimbledon	0	1

Enfield have never reached the Fourth Round before.

Little Scunthorpe United administered a couple of Fourth Round knockouts.

They were in the Third North when they won at First Division Newcastle in 1957-58, and a dozen years later hit the headlines again by beating Sheffield Wednesday from the top bracket while they themselves were in the Fourth.

It was not the only time that the Geordies had been humbled in the Fourth Round by a team of lower status, they lost in 1953 to Rotherham, in 1973 to Luton and in 1978 to Wrexham.

Crewe Alexandra had the misfortune to meet Tottenham in the Fourth Round in the consecutive seasons of 1959-60 and 1960-61.

On the former occasion, after a draw at Gresty Road, Spurs won by the incredible score of 13-2 at White Hart Lane.

A year later, on the same ground, the Londoners triumphed again — but this time by only 5-1.

The Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup has been notable for some marathon ties since the last War.

It took five games to separate Aston Villa and Doncaster in 1954-55, another five to determine the

winners of Burnley v Chelsea a year later and Chelsea and West Brom and Fulham-Nottingham Forest pairings each met four times.

Chelsea were in the news again in 1958 when they lost to Fourth Division Darlington in the Fourth Round.

Sunderland at last had their revenge over the Southern League for their 1949 debacle when they beat Gravesend 5-2 in the 1962-63 Fourth Round, and Leeds were pleased to see the back of Wimbledon in 1975 at the same stage, for The Dons had held them to a draw and restricted them to a single goal in the replay.

A year later the Yorkshire team was having a taste of its own Fourth Round medicine when Third Division Crystal Palace gained revenge for their fellow-South Londoners defeat, beating then-mighty Leeds 1-0.

## Eliminating

Three years ago little Blyth Spartans wrote their names into the history books by eliminating Second Division Stoke City and last season Harlow Town, having beaten eventual Second Division Champions Leicester in the previous round, gave Watford a good run for their money by pulling back from 1-4 to 3-4 before going out of the competition.

In between these two events, Shrewsbury Town shocked Manchester City 2-0 in the Fourth Round.

Two of the big scoring Fourth Round ties were Sheffield Wednesday's 7-2 thrashing of Manchester United in 1960-61 and Derby's 5-3 victory over Spurs at White Hart Lane in 1972-73.

A couple of other surprise Fourth Round results worth a mention are Bournemouth's solitary goal win over Wolves in 1956-57 and Millwall's victory at Goodison Park in 1972-73.



Shrewsbury (stripes) dispose of Manchester City in 1979.





## PREVIEW Scottish Cup FOURTH ROUND

**S**ATURDAY, January 28, 1967 ... that's the date that haunts every Rangers fan. It's the historical day when little Berwick Rangers knocked the Ibrox men — then the holders — out of the Scottish Cup with a goal from Sammy Reid.

On Saturday (Jan. 24) the other members of the Old Firm — Cup holders Celtic — take the trip to Shielfield Park for their Third Round match, and this is undoubtedly the most intriguing tie of the round North of the border.

Berwick are managed by ex-Celtic goalkeeper Frank Connor and he should know a thing or two about the present crop of players at Parkhead ... he was the second team coach with Celtic until three months ago!

Connor's superb coaching ability has helped youngsters such as scoring sensation Charlie Nicholas, skilful midfielder John Weir, talented full-back Mark Reid and Irish goalkeeper Pat Bonner make the first team breakthrough this season. That quartet of quality players could make life extremely difficult for Connor and his struggling Berwick team on Saturday.

"This has really given the team a much-needed lift," says Connor. "Ironically, I had been on the

# Top target for Rangers

'phone to Billy McNeill asking whether or not he could send down a team for a friendly just before that draw was made.

"Talking to Billy, I was running through my team, telling him about some of my players and their strengths and weaknesses. I hope he wasn't listening too well!"

McNeill says: "We know we are on dangerous ground. Smaller teams can always make life difficult for you in the Cup. Obviously it's easier to play them on your own ground, but away from home they can become totally transformed. My players will not get any opportunity to become complacent, I assure you."

Rangers — beaten by Celtic in last season's Final — are also facing a dangerous trip away from home. They go to Broomfield to face Airdrie and they take on Bobby Watson's men knowing they have failed to beat them in three League attempts this season.

They have drawn 1-1 on both occasions at Broomfield and were held to a goalless draw at Ibrox. Manager John Greig says: "At least we know the sort of task that

faces us. We realise we will have to be at our best to beat Airdrie. They are the sort of team who just never stop running and chasing throughout the 90 minutes."

"It's a good draw for us," says Airdrie boss Bobby Watson, a former colleague of John Greig at Ibrox. "Any home draw has got to be a satisfactory one and, needless to say, I believe we can win this tie."

Rangers have lost ground in the race for the League title in recent months and the Scottish Cup must now be their main target for trophy success. The pressure is on them, but they have lived under

this strain before and should go into the Fourth Round.

Champions Aberdeen play rejuvenated Raith Rovers at Starks Park and the Pittodrie men will know they have been in a real war. Raith boss Gordon Wallace makes no rash promises, but his promotion-chasing side has been in splendid form over the past four months and The Dons might need two games before they eventually get through.

## Dipped

There is an all-Premier Division clash at Cappielow where Morton take on Hearts. Both teams have dipped in form and fortune in recent weeks, but home advantage could prove vital to Benny Rooney's side.

Sparks are bound to fly in all directions as Falkirk take on Dundee at Brockville. It's a tie that could go either way. Dundee haven't been at their best since the 3-0 League Cup Final walloping from Dundee United, but they should have enough firepower to see them through this tie.

Peter Cormack has his first taste of Scottish Cup action from the manager's position when Partick Thistle meet Clyde at Firhill. This is a pairing that could prove to be a winner for the fans who constantly crave entertaining football. Thistle beat Clyde in a Glasgow Cup-tie two months ago at Shawfield and a repeat of that triumph is likely.



Morton (hoops) take on struggling Hearts at Cappielow. Airdrie manager Bobby Watson (right).



## THE FULL DRAW

Albion Rovers or Arbroath v  
Hawick Royal Albert or  
Cowdenbeath  
Raith v Aberdeen  
East Fife v Clydebank  
Partick Th v Clyde  
Stenhousemuir v Motherwell  
Hamilton v St Johnstone  
Buckie Th v Stirling  
Brechin v Dundee United  
Falkirk v Dundee  
E. Stirling v Inverness Thistle  
St. Mirren v Dumbarton  
Airdrie v Rangers  
Morton v Hearts  
Kilmarnock v Ayr United  
Berwick v Celtic  
Hibs v Dunfermline



## TOP COP FOLLOWS OWLS

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY must surely be the only club in the country which can claim to have an American Chief of Police as one of its most fervent supporters.

Charlie Fleming, a Sheffielder once in the Manchester police, left England in 1953 to seek his fortune in America. He rose to be Chief of Police in Barstow, Florida, 40 miles east of Tampa.

Occasionally he watches Tampa Bay Rowdies, who play a strong attacking game, but mainly Charlie looks forward to the football news in Britain which he reads in the regular supply of newspapers he gets from relatives and friends.

When he was in England recently he saw his nephew, Charlie Williamson, play left-back for Sheffield Wednesday.

The American cop was optimistic about Wednesday's future — "I'm not expecting miracles this season," he said, "but if Jack Charlton can keep the young players he has got coming through, then the team is going to be really something in a couple of years' time!"

STARS have played a big part in the life of Bob Davison, a 21-year-old attacking midfielder with Huddersfield — and the chances are good on him becoming one himself.

The young prospect from South Shields won a Gold Five-Star athletic award while at school and played for Seaham Red Star before joining the Leeds Road staff.

And stars used to fly when he was in the ship building industry. He is a time-served welder.

## Best still good

GEORGE BEST could still hold down a first team place in almost every First Division team.

That's the view of his current manager and former team-mate at Manchester United Bill Foulkes, boss of the American club San Jose Earthquakes.

Foulkes, who's been watching the English game during the American close-season, says: "George played magnificently for me throughout last season. He may have lost most of his old speed but his speed of thought's still there."

"He could play a Johnny Giles type midfield role in England... and I don't think he's completely given up hope of a return to the First Division."

But which manager would be brave enough to take the risk?

OUT OF favour with one club in one position and a star with another club in a different position — that is the happy lot of Leicester centre-half Geoff Scott.

The 24-year-old Scott left Stoke for Leicester last February as a left-back replacement for Dennis Rofe, who has since moved on to Chelsea. Scott is now enjoying life as a central defender.

"I have always fancied the central defender's spot," says Scott. "I didn't have much opportunity at Stoke, but I couldn't be happier now. I just hope we can clear the relegation zone."

## Little consolation

THERE is nothing worse than being a member of a successful club and not being a part of the team.

This is the problem which has been facing former England international Brian Little, who has taken more than six months to get over a cartilage injury.

Little, who has been with Aston Villa for 12 years, said: "Obviously, the success of the team is going to make it difficult for me to regain my place."

"It's very frustrating to be on the outside looking in, but I will just have to wait for my chance."

COLIN West, an 18-year-old forward on Sunderland's books, was a real sporting type even when he was at school.

In fact, he won the Sportsman of the Year title three times in his schoolboy days.

## ROLLAND IN CHARGE

COWDENBEATH'S directors did not waste any time in appointing a new manager when Pat Stanton left the First club to take up a similar post with neighbouring Dunfermline Athletic.

They appointed club captain Andy Rolland (below) as new player-manager.

The 38-year-old right-back was absolutely thrilled.

"This step up is something I have always looked forward to," said Andy. "Meanwhile, I have no immediate plans or thoughts about retiring as a player."

Andy is a player of considerable experience. He originally started his senior career with Cowdenbeath as a teenager. In 1967, he was transferred to Dundee United for a £10,000 fee, and was an instant success with the Tannadice club.

After a long and memorable partnership, he left United to become player-coach with Dunfermline Athletic. Andy stayed at East End Park for only 12 months, and turned down the offer of another year's contract after deciding he would go back and continue his playing career with Cowdenbeath.



● THE WALL GAME. Ray Ranson, Manchester City's defender, offers three Middlesbrough players a helping hand during a tense moment in a game this season.



## I thought I'd



SPURS hit the headlines in the close season with their £1½ million signing of strikers Steve Archibald and Garth Crooks. But that wasn't the end of the North Londoners' spending, because last May in a transfer which merited no more than a few lines in most newspapers, Graham Roberts, a 21-year-old midfielder, was signed from Alliance Premier League side Weymouth for £35,000.

Roberts has shown impressive form since his move from the South Coast and is now establishing himself in the first team. He has settled in well and his displays for the senior side in a variety of positions have impressed the management team at the club, who consider him to be 'one for the future'. But as Graham explains, he had

## NEWS DESK

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WATFORD have never been a club afraid to spend — but they have also introduced some fine youngsters this season. Highly rated is winger Nigel Callaghan, who made his League debut against Burnley last season and has been giving some fine performances this term.

Tom Walley, the Youth coach at Vicarage Road, has no doubt about 18-year-old Callaghan's ability.

He says: "There was a question mark over Nigel at one time because he was a tiny boy. All of a sudden he put a bit of meat on. There is no doubt in my mind that he will become a very good player."

BRYAN ROBSON, West Brom's England midfielder, must rank among the most versatile players in the First Division.

Robson, who is rated as a top-flight sweeper, actually joined West Brom as a left-back.

The 24-year-old star from Chester-le-Street, County Durham, has been used by Albion this season as a spare man at the back, but given the freedom to advance forward in order to create things.

Albion manager Ron Atkinson says of him: "He is a good reader of the game, able to spot the danger developing behind the central defenders and full-backs as well as being comfortable on the ball and good at setting things up."

Atkinson rates Robson as the most complete midfield player in the country.

Robson, who has also won England Youth and Under-21 honours, never gained any schoolboy honours, but he says: "I knew I wanted to be a professional footballer from the age of eight."

## BORO STAR WANTED

MIDDLESBROUGH forward Bosco Jankovic has aroused the interest of European and North American clubs with his goalscoring form this season.

The Yugoslav international has adjusted to the English style of football in his second season and proved a success after early doubts.

A top French club are reported to be keen on him and an agent for American clubs has twice checked his form this season.

Jankovic is keeping an open mind. The 29-year-old striker will wait until the end of the season before he makes a decision.

Jankovic wants to make the right one, for he intends to pack in the game in two years and return to his home country to continue as a lawyer.



# missed the boat'

## says Tottenham's young star Graham Roberts

almost given up hope of making the grade.

"I must admit, I thought I'd missed the boat. I had resigned myself to playing non-League soccer, but then Spurs came along and changed all that."

Roberts was born in Southampton and it was with his home town club that he began his career.

"It didn't really work out for me there," says Graham, "And I then went to Bournemouth and played in their youth team. Unfortunately, they scrapped both the youth and reserve teams, so I moved on to Portsmouth."

While with Pompey, Roberts

missed out on signing full professional forms when the then manager, Ian St John, was replaced by Jimmy Dickinson. Once again Graham found himself on the move, this time to Dorchester, where he spent a happy two-and-a-half years.

Nearby Weymouth were keen to sign him, and eventually a £6,000 deal went through.

### 'Interest'

"It was while I was at Weymouth that some League clubs started to take an interest in me," he says. "I decided on Tottenham. The opportunity was too good to miss and I'm really enjoying the challenge of it all. Spurs are a fantastic club with great facilities and tradition. The players have been really good to me, and with the likes of Ardiles and Hoddle, I'm learning all the time."

THE current success of the Swansea City side is giving goalkeeper David Stewart a great deal of satisfaction.

He said: "After several seasons out of the spotlight it is good to be back playing regularly in a successful side."

"I moved to West Bromwich Albion after a long spell in the reserves at Leeds but failed to get into the first team because Tony Godden was holding down the spot."

"The move to Swansea has proved to be a blessing in disguise as I'm now enjoying my game for the first time in several seasons."

## Unlucky break

SPARE a thought for unlucky Derek Parkin, who is still missing from the Wolves side.

This season the long-serving defender has cracked a rib, broken two bones in his right hand and broken a toe.

Parkin said: "I cannot really complain about what has happened over the past four months, because I've had 17 years without any serious injury."

The player who has taken over from Parkin is young Mick Hollifield, who has impressed a lot of critics with his performances.



## Briefly...

● Brentford left-winger David Crown is pleased with the progress he has made since joining the Griffin Park club last July.

Crown, formerly with Grays Athletic and Walthamstow, trained as an accountant for four years while a non-League player. But he gave that up in order to concentrate on soccer.

● What are the odds against three Tottenham players topping the 20-goal mark this season?

Top strikers Steve Archibald and Garth Crooks both reckon they can hit the 20 mark, while penalty king Glenn Hoddle has a powerful shot in both feet and, in fact, slammed 22 League and Cup goals last term — and that's pretty good for a midfielder.

● Falkirk, currently £90,000 in the red, are moving to ease their

financial worries by offering businessmen the use of their boardroom and other parts of the Brockville stand for exhibitions and promotional activities. Already they have met with success with a two-day exhibition by two companies and have produced a booklet to encourage more businessmen to take up the offer.

● Manchester United midfielder Sammy McIlroy, who captained Northern Ireland to their British Championship triumph last May, was named Texaco Irish Player of the Year for 1980, an honour bestowed on him by sports editors of newspapers in both Northern Ireland and Eire.

● Cliftonville 'keeper Brian Johnston's 200-plus consecutive first team outings is an all-time record for the 102-year-old Belfast Reds.

● Cambridge United's former England Youth international midfielder Ian Buckley has agreed to join

Paul Reaney's club, Newcastle KB United, in Australia.

The 27-year-old former winger spent Christmas at home in Oldham before making the £10,000 move down under.

"I am sad to leave Cambridge," he said. "I have really enjoyed my four seasons here. It has been the happiest time I have had in football."

● Popular Norwich City defender Phil Hoadley has got an unusual off-the-field hobby and business: breeding pedigree Old English Sheepdogs. The former Orient man said: "I have one seven-year-old and two young bitches, plus a Labrador. They are all part of a plan to start breeding and perhaps getting back some of the initial cost later on — I hope!"

● Middlesbrough midfielder star David Armstrong picked up a rare booking at Coventry City on Boxing Day and his team lost 1-0. Apart from that, he had a happy 26th birthday!

## SHOOT/JIMMY COMPETITION RESULT

In our 'Jimmy' competition, issue dated 22nd November, 1980, we asked you three questions about famous footballers named Jimmy. The correct answers were: 1 — Leeds United; 2 — Jimmy Greaves; 3 — New York.

Senders of the ten neatest correct entries, with age taken into consideration, each win an exciting Waddington 'Jimmy' electronic football game, and they are:

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Gray, Basingstoke. Peter John Hampton, Kempsey. Peter Wass, Lincoln. Steven May, Bolton. Darren Scott, Newton Abbot.



AFTER weeks of speculation, Vancouver Whitecaps recently announced that they had signed Pierce O'Leary from Shamrock Rovers for a £100,000 fee.

Pierce, younger brother of Arsenal's David and an Eire international, had been watched by several First Division clubs. But the fact that O'Leary's present boss Johnny Giles will also be joining the Canadian club as coach next summer obviously influenced the move.

Giles and O'Leary will stay with Rovers until the end of the season.

The fee is a record for a League of Ireland club and here is Pierce signing on

watched by Vancouver general manager Tony Walters.

## 30 NOT OUT

MANCHESTER UNITED'S Jimmy Nicholl made history this season by becoming the first-ever Northern Ireland defender to complete 30 consecutive full international appearances, quite an achievement in the company of many-times-capped Irish defenders like Terry Neill, Pat Rice, Sammy Nelson and Allan Hunter.

In fact, the only Ireland game 34-cap Jimmy has missed in the past four years was the April, 1977, away friendly against then reigning World Champions West Germany, when he was unavailable because of club commitments. Incidentally, he topped the impressive 30-in-a-row mark in the November 19 World Cup-tie with Portugal, in Lisbon.

ARSENAL used to be known as the club with the Irish 'colony'. Now Brighton are pushing hard for that title. Already they have Eire internationals in Mark Lawrenson, Michael Robinson and Gerry Ryan. The first two have declared for Eire and now a third Goldstone clubmate, Mark Fleet, has thrown in his lot with the Irish youths.

## BIG YIN WORSHIP

IPSWICH TOWN'S high-scoring midfield player John Wark realised an ambition recently when he met fellow Scot Billy Connolly.

John, whose goal-grabbing achievements this season include two hat-tricks in the U.E.F.A. Cup, is a big Connolly fan and the pair, who both hail from Glasgow, spent several minutes chatting after the comedian's Ipswich show.

Billy is also a big football fan and has already agreed to appear at a Wembley function prior to this year's big England-Scotland clash.

And John, who scored the Scots' only goal in their 3-1 defeat in 1979, could also be on duty that day if he can maintain his impressive scoring rate!

## CARRY ON COLLECTING

TO HELP you build up your collection of 558 stickers, we have included another eight free stickers for your "Football '81" album in this week's issue of SHOOT.

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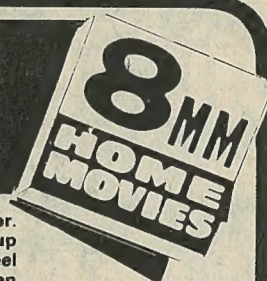
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**B**OTH United and Forest will be looking to the F.A. Cup for their best chance of honours this season, which gives an added edge to Saturday's clash at the City Ground.

For either of us to win the Championship would mean winning virtually every other game and not losing... which is possibly asking too much. Having said that, with a full squad to choose from for the first time this season, manager Dave Sexton still believes we can make a concerted challenge for the title.

Even so, being realistic, we're seven points behind Liverpool as I write, yet to win the Cup 'all' we have to do is win five games.

On paper, we could hardly have had a tougher draw than Forest away; over the past two or three years Brian Clough's team have proved to be England's top Cup side.

I'm not sure that the draw matters too much. The Cup has a habit of producing shocks and we're not too concerned at having to go to Nottingham.



"We have enough experience in our side to counter the blistering pace of Trevor Francis."



**Garry Wilkins**  
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by Garry, the return of Trevor Francis has rejuvenated the Forest attack. I'm pleased to see Trev has made a full recovery from injury and seems to have lost none of the blistering pace that has made him one of the most-feared strikers in England.

Having said that, we have enough experience in our side to cope with

Trevor, even at his best.

The return of Gordon McQueen and Martin Buchan has helped us. Dave Sexton took a calculated gamble playing all three of us at Brighton with the possibility of extra-time. I couldn't even last the 90 minutes!

It paid off, and we're all that much fitter now as we prepare to play Forest. It came as a surprise to many when Sammy McIlroy was dropped, probably because he'd become a permanent fixture in the team. Sammy has too much to offer to be out for long and he'll be determined to win back his regular spot as soon as possible.

Whatever happens on Saturday there can only be ten First Division clubs in the Fifth Round. Some good teams are out already and hopefully Liverpool will be beaten by Everton. Actually, I fancy Everton to win, but they must do it first time at Goodison Park. I'm sure every side still in the Cup will be praying for Liverpool to lose — however confident you are, you don't want to be drawn at Anfield!

Join me again in a fortnight,

# 'GARRY HAS NOTHING TO PROVE TO FOREST'

They've had a Jeekyll and Hyde season — brilliant one week, yet slated by their management the next. I hope we catch them on one of their bad days!

Inevitably the spotlight will fall on Garry Birtles, who although he has nothing to prove to Forest, would love to knock in another Cup goal.

I was chatting to Garry before our replay at Brighton and he told me he was not unduly worried that he hadn't scored. "It'll come," he told me — which it did, making it 2-0 and, for Brighton, the point of no return.

Garry had been under a bit of pressure, understandably a £1¼m striker is expected to score regularly. I was delighted to see him break his duck against Brighton and that goal must have done his confidence the world of good. He didn't say too much afterwards, although I know how chuffed he was. Good goal, too, I thought — took it very well.

Whilst he hadn't been scoring, Garry was still making a big contribution to the team with his unselfish running and ability to hold the ball, enabling team-mates to take up good positions.

His partnership with Joe Jordan is coming along nicely and I expect to see quite a few goals from this pair until the end of the season.

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**J**USTIN Fashanu's emergence this season as one of the most exciting goalscoring strikers in the First Division owes much to the experienced presence of Joe Royle, a player who has mixed the highs and lows throughout his career.

The young Norwich and England Under-21 striker has openly admitted how highly he rates Royle's contribution to his game.

"He is so experienced. He is always talking. I cannot help but learn from playing alongside him," said Justin.

But for Royle, playing beside a young powerhouse whose future looks bright, it must be a reminder

lads, so it was nice to score, but the result is most important."

The Royle-Fashanu partnership produced 22 goals by the end of December, and though most of them were scored by the popular youngster, it was Royle whose decoy running and ability to absorb pressure helped create the chances.

Now happily settled into his new Norfolk home, he can afford to look back on a career that saw him replace Alex Young in the Everton team as a raw 16-year-old, earn a reputation as a wonderful header of the ball, crack 23 goals in Everton's Championship-winning season and go on to win six full



*Joe Royle, proving invaluable in Norwich's fight against relegation.*

England caps despite an unfortunate accident-prone spell.

Fellow England striker Mike Channon used to rate Royle as one of the most helpful and unselfish centre-forwards he had played with.

It is a feeling now being repeated in Norwich as Royle, now 30, after a career that has seen him score 150-odd goals for Everton, Manchester City and Bristol City, leads fresh attacks with the same zest that sent him on the way back in his native Liverpool.

# Fashanu's 'Royle' partner

of his own twinkling past, of the days when he set Goodison Park alight as Everton won the Championship in 1970.

Having achieved so much so young and having suffered the criticism all strikers received during the Revie period at international level, Royle could be excused for thinking of his arrival in Norfolk as the first step into retirement.

But Big Joe perishes the thought. Nothing negative for him. For him what matters is the present, Norwich City and the First Division.

The enthusiasm still bubbles over. And as Norwich battle to pull away from the bottom three, it is Royle who is leading the fight.

He said: "We have a good young side here and have been playing well without always getting the rub of the green we perhaps deserved."

## Pleasure

For Royle, as ever, actions speak louder than words. In recent games, towards the end of the year, he began to find the net with increasing regularity — the winner against Everton in a 2-1 home victory giving him special personal pleasure as well as ending a lean run for The Canaries.

He said: "I was absolutely delighted to score against them. It was a vital win for us. Everton are a good side, but we are better than a lot of other sides in the First Division and too good to be down at the bottom."

"I knew most of the Everton



*Justin Fashanu, Norwich's goalscoring sensation, takes off to outjump Nottingham Forest defender Larry Lloyd.*



# After rows with Brian Clough... ROBBO'S HAPPY NOW

**J**OHN Robertson was ready for a winter of discontent after a summer snarl-up with Brian Clough.

Nottingham Forest's brilliant Scottish international winger, the man whose goal won the European Cup for Cloughie against Hamburger SV in Madrid, has signed a new contract that will tie him to the club for the rest of his career.

Yet a few months ago it seemed Robbo was as determined as Garry Birtles to get as far away from the City Ground and the Clough-Taylor partnership as he could.

The 28-year-old wing wizard asked for a transfer over a contract row and spent a lot of time in Clough's bad books.

Robertson even had an argument with his boss the day Forest arrived back in England with the European Cup, claiming that he and other players were undervalued due to the publicity which

perpetually surrounds Clough and Taylor's deeds.

But he says: "All that is behind me now. I'm glad to say I'm staying with Forest and I want to help get us back into the European Cup again.

"I must admit that in the past Brian Clough has said things about me that have annoyed me. But, having said that, I have just as often over-reacted.

"When I said I wanted to leave, it was a spur of the moment thing that developed. Really my heart has always been with Forest and I know that if it had not been for the manager I would not have enjoyed the medals and international rec-

ognition I have had.

"Now we are all getting down to some real work at Forest. It's been a pretty disappointing season so far, because of our defeats in the European Cup and the League Cup. We are a far better side than our Cup results have indicated.

"I'm glad I'm still with the club. At one time, after Tony Woodcock's move to Cologne, I fancied trying out Continental football myself.

"But that was just part of my dissatisfaction with things generally at the club. Now I can see

where my future lies and just want to get stuck in and forget all my past problems.

"Young Colin Walsh has done a very good job for Forest since he came into the side, and now I know I face a stiff challenge for a place in the team. It is just the sort of competition I need to keep me on my toes and make sure that I never take my place in the side for granted. And the return of Trevor Francis has also helped revive my enthusiasm."

Robertson was a member of the side that could manage only a 0-0

**RIGHT:** Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough.

**BELOW:** Forest's winning goal in last year's European Cup Final, scored by John Robertson.



draw with Portugal at Hampden. Like the rest of his Scots teammates, he was disappointed with the result.

But he maintains: "Scottish teams of the past have attacked opponents for 85 of the 90 minutes and lost 1-0 because of a stupid error. At least that did not happen to us.

"We have taken three points from a possible four, which would have been perfectly acceptable before our games against Sweden and Portugal. That is a good solid start and if we can pick up at least a point when we play Israel next month we'll be on our way.

"Anyway, we will get our revenge against Portugal. We are all convinced that we'll beat them in the return game over there."

Aside from his new-found determination at Forest, Robertson's ambitions have quite naturally spread to helping Scotland reach the World Cup Finals in Spain.



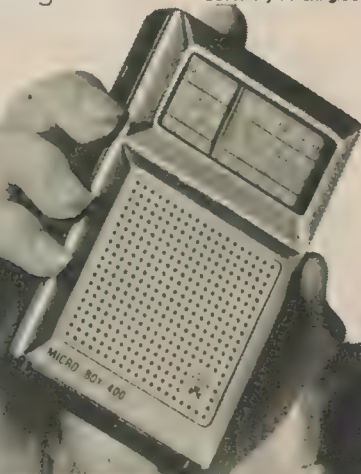
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# BOOTH risking his career for Man.City



**M**ANCHESTER City's unsung hero Tommy Booth could have been part of Brian Clough's masterplan for record breakers Nottingham Forest.

He might have taken the trip across the rainy city to arch rivals Manchester United — or he could have been holding the fort with League Cup high fliers Coventry.

But true blue clubman Tommy, 31, and 18 years at Maine Road isn't the type to move for the sake of it.

He's a manager's dream, reliable and regular as clockwork, and presently risking his soccer career by playing for City with a damaged knee.

"I should really take a rest, but I had to stay around to help the club out of our earlier rut," he said.

It's never been more obvious that there's only one club for Tommy.

"I've always been a City supporter, I've had great times at the club and I like the place.

"I've never really been put in the situation where I would like to move, simply because I've never been out for a long time, and by that I mean a year or so, when players start to get worried about their future — that is when you begin to want to get another job.

*Denis Law (stripes) in his Manchester City days. Tommy Booth still rates him one of the greatest players of all time.*



"I've not wanted to move anyway, even when I was out for two months. As soon as I was fit again I was brought straight back to play alongside Dave Watson.

"I enjoyed playing alongside Dave," he said.

Forest made their move when Tommy came back from the injury, something that resulted in the removal of two discs from his back — a painful time.

Clough's wonderboys were at the top of the Second Division and

ready to make their assault on Liverpool's First Division monopoly.

"Coventry were interested at about the same time too," he recalls, "but neither move would have been worth it for me.

"I knew nothing about the move to Manchester United until the papers started to ask ... they heard something I didn't.

"But even if anything had emerged, I hadn't wanted to move anyway."

His two months out after the injury was the longest break he ever had.

"I came back when we were doing well, in the 1975/76 season. I was put in alongside Dave Watson and then had a spell playing in midfield when Colin Bell had that terrible knee injury.

"I was a stop gap and didn't like it, I prefer to defend my territory. All that running isn't for me."

Tommy has seen the highs and the lows with City.

## TOMMY'S CAREER

Signed professional for Manchester City on August 26, 1967.

League debut v. Arsenal on October 9, 1968.

League games (up to the start of 1981) — 365.

League goals (up to the start of 1981) — 26.

Also gained four England Under 23 caps.

"When I first came to the club I was thrown in at the deep end ... we won the F.A. Cup, the European Cup-Winners' Cup, two League Cups, lost one, it was all piled on me.

"But in the last few games, I've seen the other side of the coin. We've struggled, but it's good to see we've come out of it. We really had a terrible battering at the start of the season."

Tommy always thought that the problems with the team were to do with their lack of experience.

## 'Experience'

"We needed older players, and sure enough, when John Bond arrived he bought three, and most recently Phil Boyer. That experience has put us on the way up.

"I'd love to help City win something this season."

Tommy has played with and against all the greats in his time, from the old stars like George Best and Denis Law to the new young terrors of tricky play like Steve Coppell and Andy Gray.

Indeed, tartan terror Law is Tommy's all time favourite.

"He had that certain something that few others have. Really exciting, whether he's on your side or theirs.

"But they can all be a handful nowadays. Even at my age I'm still learning a few tricks of the trade.

"At the moment at City there are three or four who, if they keep their feet on the ground, could be something really special," he said.

"I'm still part of the old City as well as the new. I often see the old lads, Mike Summerbee and Frankie Lee, and we go down to George Heslop's pub in Manchester.

"Let's hope I can help make the new City as good as the old one."



**B**ARRY Silkman, soccer's Mr Wanderer, is now with his eighth club in a professional career which has spanned ten years.

That's a fair turnover for any player, and Silkman can boast experience of playing for clubs in the North West, London, the South West, the Midlands and even Israel. An extraordinary amount of travelling for one player, even by modern day standards.

You certainly couldn't put Barry Silkman anywhere near a list of names like John Trollope or Jimmy Dickinson — one club men who spent a lifetime without moving.

Yet Barry Silkman, now aged 28, doesn't regard himself as a wandering nomad. And he says

Crystal Palace.

"Hereford was the learning stage for me — it was the first time I'd signed professional. But at Crystal Palace, I really learned everything about football and had a great time. I enjoyed my spell at Palace more than anywhere else. We had a good spirit and all got on well together, and had a great coach in Terry Venables.

"I only left Palace after 2½ years because I was in and out of the team. Plymouth came in for me and it was a chance to play regular first team football."

Ironically, Silkman did well in the West Country and says: "I would have stayed there if Malcolm Allison had not left the club and come in for me when he



clubs was poor, and I couldn't take it any more."

Back to Britain to see if anything turned up. It did, in the unlikely shape of Third Division Brentford. "But it just didn't work out there," said Silkman. "They played me out of position and I was unhappy. I felt I'd seen a bit of football life and tried to offer ideas on coaching. But they took it the wrong way, and didn't want to listen."

"They thought I was getting too big for my boots, but I was only trying to help."

So Silkman joined club number eight when Terry Venables, the new manager at Q.P.R. made a surprise offer for him. The fee was just £20,000 and the move, coming out of the blue, surprised Silkman.

## Barry wants NONE over the eight!

firmly: "I don't regret any of my decisions to leave the clubs I was with. Circumstances dictate events, and in each case, it was pretty clear I had to move on."

"I've always wanted to enjoy my work, and I believe that whatever you're doing you should enjoy it."

"If you don't, it's ridiculous to stay there for years on end knowing you're unhappy if you aren't satisfied, you have to look elsewhere. It's common sense."

Born in London, Silkman began his career at Hereford. And it wasn't long before he was returning to the capital, to join

took over at Manchester City. Even though I'd enjoyed my time with Argyle, I couldn't resist the opportunity to join a First Division club."

Things started well for Silkman. He was in the City first team, playing First Division football.

"But I was suddenly left out of the side, for no apparent reason, at the beginning of the second season. I played in the reserves for a while and fought my way back, and played at Crystal Palace."

"It was probably the best game I'd played for City; I thought I had done well. But the following week

I was dropped again. I was stunned and couldn't understand it. It was clear my days were numbered at Maine Road."

"Malcolm Allison was a strange man to work for, and I wasn't the first player to be baffled by him."

By then, Silkman had played for five clubs (including a short loan period at Luton), but had still to make 100 full first team appearances. So he tried his luck in Israel, joining Maccabi of Tel Aviv. But the move lasted just 12 weeks and Silkman reflects: "It was a disastrous move. The standard of organisation at the

"I'm very happy to be back working under Terry Venables once again," he said. "He's the best and now I just want to enjoy my football. Hopefully, that will be in the First Division in the not too distant future."

"The highlight of my career was playing in the First Division, but the time I enjoyed most in my career was at Crystal Palace. Being coached by Terry Venables was tremendous and I'm grateful to get another chance to work for him. I envisage a happier — and longer — spell here than I've had recently."

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**T**HERE were no cries of "Lucky Liverpool" when the draw for the F.A. Cup Fourth Round paired us with our fiercest rivals, the firm from over the road at Goodison Park, Everton.

So far this season we've been favoured with more than our fair share of home ties against lesser opposition in the League Cup and in the Third Round, but this time the luck of the draw passed us by.

They certainly dealt the draw no one on Merseyside wanted at this stage of the competition.

But Liverpool are thankful of one

in the Semi-Finals of 1971 and 1977. On the first occasion they fielded what I consider to be their best-ever side in my experience: the one that had won the Championship in 1970 and qualified to take part in the European Cup competition.

In fact, we caught them suffering from the after-effects of travelling back from Greece, having lost on the away goals rule to Panathinaikos in the European Cup Quarter-Finals. We, on the other hand, had returned from a morale-boosting 4-1 aggregate win over Bayern Munich in the U.E.F.A. Cup Quarter-Finals.

We ran out comfortable winners over Everton by 2-1.

I say "comfortable", despite knowing that Evertonians still complain that if their team hadn't lost their England international centre-half, Brian Labone, through injury, the result would have been different.

In 1977 we went into the Semi at

ous tension certain to prevail.

It'll be a day for cool, unflustered heads, and I suspect both managers will pick players experienced in derby clashes.

We should have Phil Thompson and Graeme Souness back in action, and possibly Alan Hansen as well.

Goodison boss Gordon Lee is likely to draft in that veteran campaigner Bob Latchford, always a menace in front of goal, and also Mike Lyons to steady two youngsters at the back, Billy Wright and Kevin Ratcliffe.

I read Mike has never yet been on the winning side against us, and I

hope his unwanted run continues.

Some people are already predicting that the winners on Saturday will go on to take the Cup, but if those black balls continue to behave as they did for the Fourth Round, they'll deal up a team like Ipswich Town at Portman Road!

But whatever the next draw, no tie can possibly challenge Merseyside's match of the year!

*Ray Clemence*



**Ray Clemence**  
TALKING  
SOCCER

**'Altrincham earned a standing ovation at Anfield'**

**Altrincham's Graham Barrow puts Ray under pressure in the Third Round.**

# 'MERSEYSIDE'S MATCH OF THE YEAR'

thing: we could have drawn Arsenal away at Highbury! Knowing what a tussle we had with The Gunners last season, when they knocked us out of the Semi-Final in the third replay, we cheered Everton's 2-0 Third Round win over them.

Interest in this derby tie is so high every ticket could be sold at least three times over. My phone just hasn't stopped ringing with pleas for them.

There's always a tremendous air of expectancy when a clash between the two Merseyside clubs is in the offing, but this time the air is so electric you could light bulbs from it!

Only 54,000 can be accommodated at Goodison, so at the time of writing schemes are being discussed on how to screen the tie for disappointed fans.

One is to transmit to screens stationed in the four corners of Anfield, as happened in 1967 when over 40,000 people there saw Everton beat Liverpool at Goodison by 1-0 in the Fifth Round.

But to stage this operation, several problems have to be overcome. The tie would need to be switched to the evening for the pictures to be visible; and precautions taken to prevent the screens being damaged by the wind. I believe one was blown down in 1967.

The most likely scheme to be adopted is transmission to local cinemas. A recent example of this was when West Ham played Spurs at Upton Park in the League Cup Quarter-Finals.

In my time with The Reds we've met Everton twice in the F.A. Cup:

Maine Road, Manchester, feeling very buoyant after a 3-0 victory at Anfield over Zurich in the European Cup Quarter-Finals which gave us a 6-1 aggregate win.

At half-time the score was level at 1-1, then we went ahead 2-1, only for Everton to equalise again.

Then another controversial event happened which Evertonians continue to argue about.

Their Bryan Hamilton put the ball past me into the net, only for the referee Clive Thomas to rule him offside. As Clive was in line with the play, I'm convinced his decision was absolutely correct.

## Emphatic

There was no disputing the result of the replay, again at Maine Road, when we emerged winners by an emphatic 3-0.

Although I said Liverpool had been lucky in this season's previous Cup draws, this is not intended as a poor reflection on any of our opponents — particularly non-League Altrincham, whose brave fight in the Third Round earned them a standing ovation at the end from the crowd.

The Altrincham lads can walk around the North-West with their heads held high, and also delight in having taken around £20,000 away as their share of the gate.

We played Everton at Goodison in the League in October, pulling back to level pegging after going 2-0 down in a game that flowed superbly from end-to-end. I can't see this tie being a repetition of that magnificent match, due to the tremend-





This week's Star Letter comes from Jim Callaghan of Newton, Birmingham, who wins our Special Prize of £10. He writes:

## ENGLAND WRONG TO STAY AT HOME

★ At a time when football in this country needs a much needed boost, the F.A. decide not to take part in the World Cup Winners' Cup in Uruguay.

It would have been a great opportunity to prove that English football is still the best. It would have given more people enthusiasm to go and watch football, which, of course, would have meant more money for everyone throughout the game.

The F.A. said they would have to shut down the First Division for a three week period. Well, what could have been better? At this time of the year spectators don't want to stand about freezing. Three weeks break and people would be longing to see their teams.

The England players must be disappointed, also, at not going. What a challenge to play against the best in the world.

Also our young players would have gained very valuable experience for the next World Cup.

And to top it all, Ron Greenwood didn't even go to watch the tournament.

Doesn't he care either?

● It was totally impractical to send England to Uruguay with the League commitments in mind. However, to have just one F.A. representative — Robin Russell, a regional coach — showed once again how blinkered English football can be. There should have been more officials to observe many of the best players in the world and how an important competition is run.

## Thanks Chelsea

I'm a 21-year-old Dane who would like to tell about the good side of soccer I saw when I visited England.

I've been a Chelsea fan for 11 years so I was going to watch Chelsea at Stamford Bridge. The day before the game we went to the ticket office to collect our tickets.

I asked at the office if we could have a look at the stadium now it was empty. The man called a nice young lady and she showed us round Stamford Bridge.

Everybody was so nice and it was a great experience. I felt we were very welcome so I'll be there as soon as possible again.

To everybody at Chelsea F.C.: Thanks for a wonderful week-end.

SOREN KNUDSEN,  
DENMARK.

● Sadly, a minority of Chelsea's fans have given the great club a bad name.

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## Wales in First

Has a Welsh club ever been in the First Division?

DEWI ROBERTS,  
DENBIGH

● Certainly have, Dewi — and, what's

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## Cold comfort

ONE of the season's sauciest comments was surely from Dundee's chairman Ian Gellatly. The crowd at the Dundee v. Hibs game was 7,454. Dens Park has held five times that number. Shivering fans queuing for the seated enclosure missed the only goal of the game. They complained of long queues and insufficient turnstiles.

Mr. Gellatly's reply: "There is bound to be a hold up if fans turn up only a quarter of an hour from the start. There are adequate turnstiles. They are open an hour before the start, but very few people arrive in the first 20 minutes."

Cold comfort from one who can drive to the official entrance — the door — warm himself in the boardroom and walk to his seat with a rug to help keep him warm, and who can re-charge at half-time and at the finish.

Does Mr Gellatly want Dundee fans to sit shivering for well over two hours — and provide at least £1.50p for his ordinary team and the comforts of all privileged supporters?

A. YOUNG,  
PERTH.

● I think it would be a good idea if soccer directors from every club became 'fans' for one game each season, just to keep in touch with supporters' problems.

England turned down the opportunity to play against the best teams in the world, including the Argentinians (above).

## Francis boost

HOW Cloughie has missed Trevor Francis, and so has Ron Greenwood. Both of their teams have missed his control, speed and agility, which provides effective and entertaining football.

Forest have struggled this season, with a notable absence of goals since Birtles went and the not too successful Wallace arrived. The return of Francis has proved his value.

It was a more tragic blow than suspected when Francis was ruled out of the European Championship; a speedy partnership with Woodcock would have opened the slow, clumsy Italians wide.

The future looks brighter for England and Forest now.

CHRIS WILLIAMS,  
EASTBOURNE.

● Even with Francis England wouldn't have won the European Championship, although they may have done better. His presence in the remaining World Cup qualifiers must improve England's chances of reaching Spain.

## Pen-Pals

I'm a 17-year-old boy, and I'd like to correspond with English football fans. I like all of the English clubs.

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I AM a 14-year-old South African boy. I love English soccer and would like to have pen pals. My favourite teams are Spurs and Chelsea.

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## Donkeys having a ball

IN the article 'Blackpool have a Ball' chairman Peter Lawson told everyone what he thinks of his team when he said: "It's no good having Mr. Perfection (Alan Ball) trying to fit in with a lot of donkeys."

To me that is a bad form of criticism; Blackpool players reading that article must have felt bitter at being called 'donkeys'.

No wonder Blackpool are in danger of relegation to Division Four. Chairman Peter Lawson thinks that Alan Ball is walking perfection, and that the rest of the team are donkeys.

One player doesn't make a team, and the only donkeys at Blackpool are the ones that walk along the beach.

PETER MITCHELL,  
NEW ZEALAND.

● Ballie (below) was a winner as a player. He's finding it harder as a manager, though.



more, were once beaten to the League Championship only on a tiny goal-average margin of 1.794 to Huddersfield's 1.818.

That was in 1923-24, when Cardiff and Huddersfield headed the First Division with 57 points apiece.

Ironically, in their last match against Birmingham, Cardiff were awarded a penalty which, not unnaturally, everyone was at first too "scared" to take.

Eventually, Len Davies bravely agreed — and missed-out from the spot. Had he scored, securing a win instead of a goalless draw, Cardiff would have been League Champs. by a point.

All told, Cardiff have had 15 seasons, in the separate spells, in Division One — 1921-29, 1952-57 and 1960-62.

So far, no other Welsh club has made it up there — but John Toshack's swash-buckling Swansea seem to have ideas about changing all that before too long!

## Relegated

A friend tells me that Manchester City were once relegated in a season in

which they scored more goals than any other side in the First Division! Surely that couldn't happen?

RICHARD CLARK,  
NOTTINGHAM

● It could, Richard — and it did! This extraordinary situation occurred in 1937-38, when City's 80 goals was three more than the total of Champions Arsenal.

The previous season, incidentally, City were League Champs themselves!

## Fourth highest

What is the highest attendance for a Fourth Division game?

STEVE MCARDLE,  
STOCKPORT

● Hold your breath, Steve — it's 37,774. That was for a game between Crystal Palace and Millwall at Selhurst Park on 31st March, 1961.

A lot of First Division clubs wouldn't mind that sort of gate 20 years later!

## SHORT PASSES

● In the 1947 F.A. Cup Final, Charlton's Bert Turner scored in each net in the normal 90 minutes before Derby won 4-1 in extra-time. (YSHIMA SHANKYRALZ, Nigeria)

● Viv Anderson made his full England debut in the 1-0 Wembley victory over Czechoslovakia on 29th November, 1978.

(MARC ALA, New Guinea)

● Bradford City won the F.A. Cup in 1911, beating Newcastle 1-0 in a Final replay after a 0-0 draw. (MATTHEW HELLAWELL, West Yorkshire)

● Arsenal have been continuously in the First Division since the 1919-20 season. (KEVIN SMITH, Tewkesbury)

Short Passes are replies to readers' queries.



# CLUB SPOTLIGHT

THEY are one of the most glamorous, successful and best supported clubs in Europe, and tradition alone demands that nothing but the best is good enough for Arsenal FC.

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Yet by their own exceedingly high standards, the season so far has been a disappointing one for The Gunners.

al's strength has always been our defensive organisation, and that is nothing to be ashamed of.

"People call us defensive simply because we don't concede goals when we play away. It's not our fault if other teams can't score against us."

Nevertheless, the somewhat fickle Arsenal supporters are becoming disenchanted with their team. Many still have fond memories of the side which, just ten years ago, captured the coveted 'double', and it is by those exceptional standards that they judge today's team.

Bob Wilson was goalkeeper in

## ARSENAL one player short of greatness

Having lost two Cup Finals last May, they failed in their aim to bring European football to Highbury.

They were knocked out of the League Cup by arch-rivals Tottenham, and their three-year domination of the F.A. Cup came to an abrupt end when they lost in the Third Round at Everton.

Already their season has been written off in certain quarters, but captain David O'Leary believes that the League Championship is still within Arsenal's grasp.

At the turn of the year, they lay in fourth place, four points behind Liverpool with 17 games to go.

"Going out of the F.A. Cup has made us all more determined to keep going and maybe get up among the leaders," O'Leary says. "It won't be through lack of effort if we don't achieve anything this season."

### 'Chance'

"We have already met Liverpool, Ipswich and Villa and have neither lost nor deserved to lose to any of them. If we can get our heads down and work hard we must have as good a chance as anybody of taking the title."

Yet for all O'Leary's optimism there is a growing opinion within the game that Arsenal's accent on defence has taken the fun out of football and made them one of the most negative teams in the First Division.

It is a charge O'Leary vehemently refutes. While admitting that Liam Brady's departure to Juventus has had a deeper effect on the side than anticipated, he refuses to accept that he is leading a team whose objective is to stifle the opposition by means of blanket defence.

"I can honestly say that I have never been told to go out and play for a draw," he continues. "Arsen-

*David O'Leary (right) is aiming to lead Arsenal into Europe. Kenny Sansom (below, light shirt) inadvertently steers the ball into his own goal to knock The Gunners out of the F.A. Cup at Everton recently.*



that 1971 line-up, and he still helps his former team in training. It would be easy for him to lament the standard of the current Highbury squad, yet Wilson prefers to look objectively and rationally at his current charges.

"Only Liverpool and Ipswich have more players of genuine class," he says. "Any side that can boast players of the calibre of David O'Leary, Frank Stapleton, Graham Rix, Pat Jennings and Kenny Sansom can never be written off."

"All they are missing at the moment is a quality player to fill a central midfield role. They need someone to complete the blend

and knit the whole side together.

"The main problem has been that everybody expected Graham Rix to take over from Liam in the centre of the pitch, but because of his valuable link down the left with Kenny Sansom he has been kept out wide."

"The crowd expect great things of Graham, but because he is out of the action for long spells, he feels he has to do something earth-shattering every time he gets the ball."

"I think Don Howe will have to move Graham into a more central role, or maybe they will sign somebody else, but they must fill that gap if they are to have a realistic

chance of taking the title."

O'Leary insists that qualification for Europe at the end of the season is essential for the club, and they are certainly on the right road to achieving that goal.

Whether he will be part of that team is a different question. As Wilson warns: "Terry Neill's greatest problem at the moment is not motivating the team. It is keeping the present stars at Highbury."

"It is only natural that some of the lads look at Liam Brady set up for life over in Italy, and they know that Arsenal can never match anything offered by the top European clubs."

"If players like Stapleton and O'Leary go, then Arsenal could be in real trouble. Although they have some very talented youngsters on their staff, there is nobody of that calibre. In fact, I don't think there is anybody in Britain..."

### PAST HONOURS

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# ENAL



**SHOOT!**



Charlton's Phil Walker (no 11) scores against Chesterfield at the Valley.

THE turn of the year is often a critical time for Championship-chasing teams — and an even more worrying one for those trying to get out of trouble around the wrong end of the table.

Not only is it just past the half-way point of the League season, but fixture complications lie immediately ahead.

Which means it's none too comforting to find yourself in the danger-zone at that juncture.

Let's take last season — and see how those teams in the relegation and re-election zones on New Year's Day 1980 ultimately fared at the end of the season.

**If your club is in the relegation zone at the start of a New Year there's usually . . .**

# NO ESCAPE

## DIVISION ONE:

Bristol City (18pts); Derby (16); Bolton (11). All three relegated.

## DIVISION TWO:

Bristol Rovers (17pts); Charlton (17); Fulham (15). Rovers escaped — their place being taken by Burnley (18) — but both Charlton and Fulham suffered the drop.

## DIVISION THREE:

Hull (20pts); Bury (19); Southend (19); Wimbledon (17). Hull were saved by a single point — Mansfield (20) taking their place — but the other three went down.

## DIVISION FOUR:

Darlington (19pts); Port Vale (17); Rochdale (15); Crewe (11).

Port Vale escaped — their place being taken by Hereford (20) — but the other three all had to apply for re-election.

All of which makes pretty gloomy reading for those in the danger-zone on the New Year's Day just gone.

And to remind you — and them! — these were the clubs.

**DIVISION ONE** — Norwich (20pts); Leicester (14); Palace (13).

**DIVISION TWO** — Oldham (19pts); Bristol City (18); Bristol Rovers (12).

**DIVISION THREE** — Oxford (21pts); Blackpool (20); Carlisle (19); Hull (15).

**DIVISION FOUR** — Bury (22pts); Port Vale (20); Halifax (17); Hereford (17).

But last season was no mere one-off situation — the same kind of thing tends to happen year-after-year. Take the season before 1978-79 — and the message is reiterated.

## FIRST DIVISION

HOME											AWAY										
P	W	D	L	F	A		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts								
25	7	3	2	20	15	Coventry	2	2	9	9	22	23									
25	6	3	3	9	10	Leeds	2	3	8	12	24	22									
25	5	3	4	17	13	Sunderland	2	3	8	15	22	20									
25	6	1	6	17	18	Brighton	2	3	7	14	25	20									
25	7	1	4	15	13	Wolves	0	5	8	8	24	20									
25	5	6	2	23	17	Norwich	2	0	10	8	30	20									
25	4	2	6	11	12	Leicester	2	0	11	7	30	14									
25	5	2	5	25	21	Palace	0	1	12	8	32	13									

## SECOND DIVISION

HOME											AWAY										
P	W	D	L	F	A		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts								
25	8	3	2	21	12	Watford	0	3	9	9	20	22									
24	5	4	3	10	9	Newcastle	2	4	6	7	24	22									
23	6	3	3	17	13	Cardiff	2	2	7	9	19	21									
25	4	6	3	17	17	Preston	1	5	6	7	20	21									
25	5	4	4	20	14	Shrewsb'y	0	6	6	4	13	20									
25	4	6	3	11	8	Oldham	1	3	8	8	20	19									
25	4	6	2	13	8	Bristol C	0	4	9	5	25	18									
25	1	7	5	14	18	Bristol R	0	3	9	7	26	12									

## THIRD DIVISION

HOME											AWAY															
P	W	D	L	F	A		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts						
27	3	6	4	11	16	Fulham	3	5	6	19	21	23		27	7	5	2	19	12	Millwall	1	2	10	7	30	23
26	6	2	6	19	20	Swindon	2	4	6	10	19	22		28	4	6	4	14	15	Gillingham	2	4	8	14	27	22
27	2	4	7	7	17	Oxford	5	3	6	12	15	21		26	2	5	5	14	20	Blackpool	4	3	7	15	26	20
26	4	4	4	20	23	Carlisle	2	3	9	14	29	19		27	4	3	6	13	14	Hull	0	4	10	8	36	15

## FOURTH DIVISION

HOME											AWAY														
P	W	D	L	F	A		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts					
27	7	2	4	23	10	York	1	6	7	7	24	24	28	4	4	6	16	20	Stockport	5	2	7	12	17	24
28	6	4	4	14	11	B'nnemouth	3	2	9	8	21	24	26	4	6	3	21	17	Scunthorpe	2	5	6	8	16	23
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27	4	2	8	18	23	Halifax	1	5	7	10	21	17	26	4	6	4	18	12	Hereford	0	3	9	3	29	17

\* Last eight in each Division up to start of 1981



Chelsea (dark strip) were relegated two seasons ago after struggling from the New Year, but Wolves made a miraculous escape.





#### DIVISION ONE:

Wolves (12pts); Chelsea (10); Birmingham (8).

Wolves escaped quite comfortably — their place being taken by Q.P.R. (15) — but the other two went down.

#### DIVISION TWO:

Cardiff (15pts); Blackburn (13); Millwall (12).

Cardiff recovered sufficiently even to finish just in the top half of the table — being replaced by Sheffield United (17) — but both the others suffered the drop.

#### DIVISION THREE:

Walsall (18pts); Peterborough (17); Tranmere (13); Lincoln (10).

All four were relegated.

#### DIVISION FOUR:

Doncaster (16pts); Crewe (14); Rochdale (12); Halifax (7).

All except Rochdale — replaced by Darlington (19) — had to apply for re-election.

Summed up, it means that — of the 14 relegated clubs and re-election applicants each season — only three in each of the last two years escaped after being in that position on the previous New Year's Day.

But, returning to this New Year's positions, one factor stands out

*Bristol City (dark shirts) are struggling to avoid relegation in successive seasons.*

alarmingly. And that is that certain potentially doomed clubs a year ago are in precisely the same plight this year.

Like the two Bristol clubs, Port Vale, Hereford and Hull.

Which hardly augurs well for lack of worry during the second half of their seasons.

There are, though, a couple of success stories amongst the gloom. A year ago, both Charlton and Southend were heading for their respective relegations to the Third and Fourth Divisions.

But, 12 months later each was cheerfully topping their respective lower spheres — and looking all set to return to their former haunts.

All the same, though, relegation threats on New Year's Day — so often followed by real relegation just a few months later — are none too happy a prospect.

Just one instance. Malcolm Allison is a great character, but, looking at Palace's New Year position, it will take more than mere character for "Big Mal" to extract his side from their present plight.

But only time will tell . . .



*Crystal Palace manager Malcolm Allison is facing one of the stiffest tests of his controversial career.*

# PETERS TO QUIT?

**M**ARTIN Peters, the midfield maestro who earned fame with close on 700 League appearances with West Ham, Spurs and Norwich and gilded his career with 67 international games and England's 1966 World Cup success, is contemplating hanging up his boots for good.

He has found that the Third Division is no place for his subtle skills. As Sheffield United struggled despairingly in the first half of this season to remain promotion hopefuls, it became clear to Martin that his finesse, so much of it smothered by the hurly-burly football around him, was of less value to his club than his observation of the problems from the bench which could aid his chance, as coach, to put things right during training.

He is now an 'occasional player'. He is regarded at United as manager-designate, and it's our bet that full control will come his way sooner than planned, especially after the lamentable finish to 1980 by United in a miserable 0-0 home draw against Brentford.

"We've had enough of such abysmal football," was the unmistakable message from the terraces that washed over the Sheffield United directors and their embarrassed invited guests on the last Saturday of the year.

It signalled the end of a depressing year for the United end

of the city. They entered 1980 as promotion prospects but never recovered from the stinging 4-0 defeat inflicted by neighbours Sheffield Wednesday on the previous Boxing Day and slid weakly down the League to finish in a poor mid-table position.

This time, as 1981 beckoned, the fans knew that they were already in mid-table and so they were not prepared to listen to talk of 'keeping in touch with the leaders' but they more realistically faced the fact that their team could easily slip into the relegation zone.

The situation appears to call for a tracksuit manager. Peters could fit the bill with Harry Haslam, inkeeping with earlier long term proposals, moving up into the club's establishment but always available for Martin's guidance.

## 'Hurts'

Martin's reputation got him a kindly Press conference after the Brentford game. He said he understood the crowd's reaction: "They expect United to be in the elite and it hurts them to see us in goalless draws like today." He agreed that more vision was needed from midfield, that his own contribution was limited and that more help was needed up front to help Bob Hatton. "Without him today it was difficult to see where the goals were going to come from."

Most Sunday mornings Peters can be found watching his young son Grant battling in the Under 11's Sunday League. He soon learned himself how much greater effort opponents put into their tackles in the Third Division to make up for their lesser share of skill.

In a private interview his optimism for the club emerged. "We always knew it was going to be a right scrap this season. There are no mugs in this Division, you aren't give goals away. Chesterfield are the best team we've played and the likes of Charlton, Barnsley, Rotherham, Portsmouth and Huddersfield are all going to have their say."

"I feel that in the second half to the season, when we start to meet these teams again, our coaching will really take effect. I expect us to work back into the top bracket. If we don't get out this time it is fairly certain we'll go up next!"

There is a half million pounds major development plan on its way for the stadium, and the cool Peters is obviously doing his utmost to create a team worthy of the club with a fine reputation in the past. As he said, it's going to be a scrap . . . We'll let you know how it goes.





# ON THE BALL CROSSWORD

ACROSS:—

- (1) Wilfried — Moer, Belgium international (3)
- (3) Club that "Dixie" Dean played for in 1927/28 when he scored his record 60 League goals in a season. (7)
- (8) Chelsea play at — Bridge. (8)
- (14) David O'L---y of Arsenal & Eire. (3)
- (15) Make the initial letters of Orient, Torquay, Morton, Exeter and Celtic into a heavenly body. (5)
- (17) Graham —, Southampton midfielder player. (5)
- (18) Reading play at — Park. (3)
- (20) Sir — Ramsey, former England manager. (3)
- (22) Alex —, Preston North End striker. (5)
- (23) — Sansom, Arsenal defender. (5)
- (25) St-ve --ble of Norwich. (3)
- (26) Surpass by superior play. (8)
- (30) Ray —, Liverpool mid-field player. (7)
- (33) Graham ---don of Norwich. (3)

- caster Rovers. (3)
- (2) Mike ---ton, Chelsea defender. (3)
- (4) By way of. (3)
- (5) Short for the man in charge of the match. (3)
- (6) If Brechin, Dundee and Aberdeen give "RUB"; what do Forfar, Rangers & Arbroath give? (3)
- (7) Carl---- United, English Third Division club. (4)
- (9) Surname of Kevin (Bristol City) and Gary (Bristol Rovers). (7)
- (10) Ground of Barnsley. (7)
- (11) — Parlano, Leeds United striker. (5)
- (12) John H---, long serving Exeter defender. (3)
- (13) Roger Van ---, of Coventry. (4)
- (16) Not to be mentioned. (5)
- (19) Meadow —, ground of Notts County. (4)
- (21) Not many! (3)
- (24 & 32 Down) — — Park, Ground of Dunfermline Athletic. (4)
- (27) Ian —, former Arsenal, Manchester United and Scotland player. (3)
- (28) Len ---tello, Bolton player. (3)
- (29) Tony Mc---rew of Middlesbrough. (3)
- (31) Pinch. (3)
- (32) See 24. (3)

DOWN:—

- (1) Belle — Ground of Don-

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**P**AT Holland will finally make it to centre stage when he steps out for his testimonial game this season after 14 years as a bit player at West Ham.

He's one of those honest, hard-working professionals who rarely wins the acclaim of the fans. Conversely, and unfairly, he's one of the first to hear their jibes when things go wrong.

But as his manager John Lyall says: "He's one of the most honest and underrated players in the game. He'll play for you when he's half dead."

"He's invaluable to the team, getting through a mountain of work yet never getting the glory."

Holland himself says: "I should have been a better player, but I've played out of position most of my

Pat Holland (right) believes that Alvin Martin (above) needs the challenge of the First Division.

"But the good football always came in spells then. We never had the consistency that we've got now."

"We've been to places like Newcastle and Blackburn this season and come away with goalless draws — and then been upset that we haven't won."

"We really set ourselves a high standard these days. We won at Bristol Rovers and afterwards, we were all moping around the dressing room. We were sick because we felt we hadn't played well — yet we'd just picked up two away points."

Solidarity, says Holland, is what



# 'I SHOULD HAVE PLAYED BETTER FOR HAMMERS'

*confesses hard-working HOLLAND*

career. West Ham have nearly always used me out wide and though I like breaking down the line, I'm not an out and out winger.

"I like getting involved in the thick of things in midfield and it's a shame I haven't been able to show the fans what I can really do."

It's typical of Holland's unselfishness that he should forfeit his chance of glory for the good of the team. Typical, too, that he should volunteer to spend one of his precious free evenings to coach schoolkids that The Hammers hope to one day sign as apprentices.

Holland, 30, loves working with the youngsters. And on the field, he's enjoying himself as much as he's ever done at Upton Park.

"I would say that the side we've got now is the best all-round team we've had since I've been here. We played some great football when Bobby Moore played in front of a back three. And when we topped the First Division for a while.

the team have these days. And they've achieved it without losing their attacking flair.

"Everyone's done well, but two players I must mention are Phil Parkes and Alvin Martin. Alvin used to be erratic. He would put himself under pressure by trying to do too much."

"Now he's got over that he is looking a marvellous player. If we can get promotion this season, he'll show even more improvement in the First Division. He needs to play against top class players every week."

West Ham's tremendous success in all competitions this season means that their plate is likely to get overloaded later in the campaign. But Holland doesn't think they'll lose sight of their main ambition — to get back into Division One.

"It's as though we're playing Cup matches every week in any

case because when we play League games, we're the side everyone's out to beat. And our own fans think we ought to beat everybody, home and away."

Hammers' F.A. Cup success last season appeared to cost them their chance of promotion but Holland says: "We just weren't as good a side then. I don't think the Cup run had anything to do with us not going up."

The Cup Final win over Arsenal was one of The Hammers' finest hours — but for Holland, it was his worst day as a West Ham player. He was injured in the Semi-Final and had to sit out Wembley.

"It was a terrible day for me. And when we went on the open top bus the following day, I felt even more miserable. I should have just gone away and missed the whole thing."

Ironically, Arsenal were the team Holland supported as a kid.

"George Eastham and Joe Baker were my heroes."

"I actually played against George when he was at Stoke and all I wanted to do was shake his hand. I was supposed to be marking him but I wouldn't tackle him!"

Now, of course, he thinks only of West Ham. And he's hoping that when he plays in his testimonial it will round off his most successful season at Upton Park.

## Pat Holland's playing career

Signed apprentice at West Ham in September, 1967.

Became full professional in April, 1969

League debut v Arsenal April 21, 1969.

League appearances (up to New Year) 241.

League goals 22.



# No going back for St. Mirren

WHEN Rikki McFarlane took over as St Mirren manager on Christmas Day he became the only Premier Division boss in Scotland without any playing experience.

Yet the 35-year-old McFarlane, the one time physiotherapist with the Paisley club and then assistant manager to the sacked Jim Clunie, doesn't see that as a hindrance.

He points to a football career stretching back 14 years to when he was named as physio and reserve team boss at Falkirk.

## Bosses

Then he moved to East Stirling and had a spell in charge there before Alex Ferguson took over the little Firs Park team. Then McFarlane moved to St. Mirren six years ago with Ferguson, who now bosses Aberdeen.

Says Rikki: "I have had a lot of experience handling players and running teams since the time I went to Falkirk, when John Prentice practically handed over the reserves to me to look after.

"I've always enjoyed it, though I did hesitate over taking this job. Not because I didn't think I could handle it, but because I realised that becoming a manager of a club is a very serious responsibility.

"When I was offered the job on Christmas Eve I told the club chairman that I had to have time to think it over.



McFarlane (second right) helps carry off St. Mirren full-back John Young after an accident against Partick.

"A manager has a big overall responsibility and I'm very conscious of that. We want this to be a BIG club at Love Street and so I wanted a little time to think about the job.

"The next day I accepted it. I have been assistant manager and I've been with the club for six years, so I have a fair idea of what the job entails."

McFarlane, as well as being picked by the Paisley board, which was split over the sacking of Jim Clunie at the end of November, was also the players' choice.

The pool of players who took St. Mirren into Europe this season for the first time in the club's history were unanimous that McFarlane should take over.

So McFarlane goes in knowing that the players are backing him — and that the board has ironed out its differences to support him too. That was important, and McFarlane must have realised that better than most.

He admits: "The club has had some bad publicity recently but that is over now. What we have to do is get on with the job of climbing higher in the Premier Division. We had a bad start to the season but we have recovered well."

Ironically the comeback kicked off at Celtic with a surprise victory

there — and Clunie was sacked the following week. After that, caretaker-boss McFarlane took seven points from a possible eight.

Now he says he wants to maintain that — "We have to push the club further," he insists.

"What I want to do is strengthen the squad of players we have here. I don't mean that I want to necessarily buy players who will walk straight into our first team — but the pool we have needs a couple of players to get to the level I want.

"It isn't beyond us to win a trophy, to establish St. Mirren as one of the major clubs in the country, and with these two players I have in mind then that could happen.

"We won the Anglo-Scottish Cup last season, finished third in the League and we want to get better. It's as simple as that..."

If they do manage to achieve McFarlane's aims then they will do so by playing attacking football. That is something the new boss underlines as he talks of his plans.

"I don't want to send out any team playing defensively," he tells you. "For one thing we are not that kind of team. We have good attacking players and we have to play to our strengths in that department."

McFarlane believes he has the players to put these ideas into operation and certainly he has inherited a powerful pool.

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# 'PALACE~THE RIGHT, MOVE AT THE TIME'

**I**N my last column — issue dated 17th January, 1981, I wrote: "Malcolm Allison's arrival at Crystal Palace ended my fears for the immediate future. I am delighted Big Mal's reigning at the club."

At the time of writing I meant what I said. But recent developments have made nonsense of that statement.

Even though I was struggling to rediscover my form in a team riveted at the bottom of the First Division I was determined to do my best for Palace. I still will if called upon.

But events over Christmas made me realise I had to move on. Some of the reasons are personal. But basically I was unhappy about the situation at the club, felt unsettled, and didn't see much of a future for myself.

I spoke to Malcolm just before Palace's Third Round F.A. Cup tie at Manchester City and told him I would like a move.

He understood my reasons for wanting a transfer and promised he wouldn't stand in my way.

We both felt it best I didn't play at Maine Road. So I went with the reserves to Swindon.

Mind you, that trip wasn't without its problems. The coach didn't arrive until 2.00pm, the scheduled kick-off time. Then I discovered my boots hadn't been packed in the skip.



*Bobby Smith (white shirt) scores for Spurs in their 13-2 defeat of Crewe in 1960. Clive's father Les hit five that night.*

I played in an ill-fitting borrowed pair . . . and Palace lost 2-0.

Contrary to reports, I'm still on very good terms with Malcolm Allison. We haven't had a row. I've no complaints about the way he or Palace have treated me. I've been shown every consideration.

I like the man and sincerely wish him and the club well. There's no way they deserve to be in such a precarious position.

All I hope now is that by the time you read this column my position has been resolved and I've got a new club.

The past six months haven't exactly been the best times of my life. On reflection perhaps I should have thought more carefully about joining Palace.

When Terry Neill decided he didn't want me at Arsenal it seemed the right move for me.

The main reason I signed was Terry Venables. The fact he left so soon afterwards, before my career at Selhurst Park really kicked off, was a shock.

*Terry Venables, the main reason behind Clive's decision to join Palace.*

I know I haven't played too well for Palace, but taking into account I was dropped by caretaker manager Ernie Walley when Terry left for Q.P.R. and then suffered injury and illness problems, I don't consider my record is all that bad.

The future for me? To play for a club where I can settle down, be happy and score goals.

I've still got a tremendous belief in my own ability and am determined to recapture the form which prompted Arsenal to splash out over £1 million for me last June.

The last few weeks haven't been easy. I might not have coped but for the support and comfort of my mum and dad.

Dad's been especially good, keeping the Press off my back.

I've been criticised for not talking to the media. It's not that I've deliberately gone out of my way to be unco-operative.

As I told one TV reporter, I'll talk to the Press when I've got something constructive to say.

## Context

I've had so many statements misquoted in the past, and words taken out of context my dad thought it best to keep quiet on this occasion.

This weekend sees the F.A. Cup Fourth Round. I may or may not be involved.

But dad has reminded me of a record created 21 years ago, during the 1959-60 season, the year before I was born.

He was playing for a top-of-the-table Spurs side held to a shock 2-2 draw at Fourth Division Crewe.

Spurs won the replay 13-2, the highest score in a Fourth Round tie, and my dad scored five.

Older readers may recall Bobby Smith netted four times, Cliff Jones three and Tommy Harmer also got one.

Dad's five goals that night have never been exceeded by any other player in the modern Fourth Round, although Denis Law scored six for Manchester City against Luton in January, 1961 before the game was abandoned and struck from the records.

At least dad's Cup feat gives me a target to aim for — when I get back to normal this is.

Cheers for now . . .





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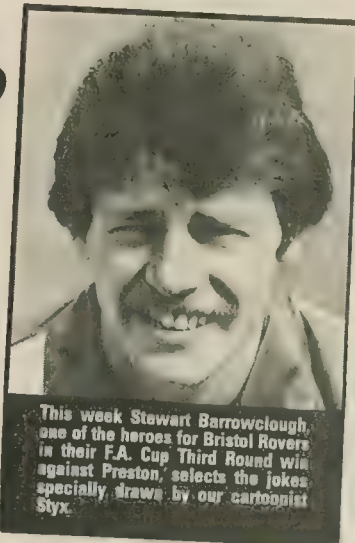


"Not very entertaining — even the police are going home early."

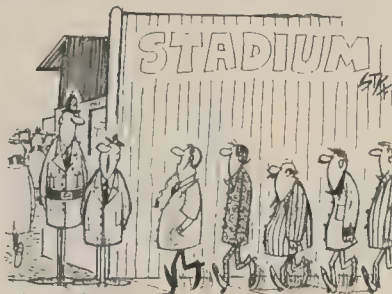
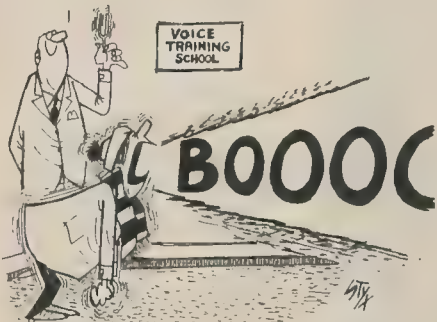
"That player you sold me — there seems to be an alteration to his birth certificate."



"Before we play the best team in the country I want a volunteer to get the cow pats off the field."



This week Stewart Barrowclough, one of the heroes for Bristol Rovers in their F.A. Cup Third Round win against Preston, selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.



"It's that doctor from the local hospital who reckons he's found a cure for insomnia."



"'Scuse me ref — but can I have my gloves back?"

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# 'Celtic — no joke for Berwick'

IT'S just amazing what twists of fate can come out of the hat when the Scottish Cup draw is made.

Just think, for example, how Frank Connor must have felt when Berwick Rangers were pulled out with Celtic when the Third Round draw for this Saturday (Jan. 24) was made.

Until a couple of months ago Frank was reserve team coach at Parkhead and a very popular figure among the players. I have told you before in this column about his practical jokes and how he always had the lads laughing.

Now we intend to wipe the smile off his face . . . for Frank is now manager of Berwick Rangers, our Cup opponents.

To be honest it is a good start for us, although we would have preferred the game at home. However Shielfield — where I have never played — is a big pitch and that must help us.

Berwick had been struggling before Frank took over and the Cup will be a welcome relief from the pressures of fighting First Division relegation. We are well aware of that.

And don't worry, we remember what happened to Rangers in the Scottish Cup at Berwick in 1967!

One Scottish footballer who remembers 1967 for vastly different reasons is Bobby Lennox. That was the year of Celtic's European Cup win in Lisbon.

"The Lemon" retired this season after an everlasting career, and even Buckingham Palace recognised his talents in the New Year's honours list when he was awarded the MBE, following in a Scottish football tradition which includes Billy McNeill, John Greig and Jock Stein.

Well done, Bobby. But I would like to deny the rumours sweeping Celtic Park that his MBE stands for My Big Ears!

Talking of the New Year, may I wish all our readers the very best for 1981 and hope you had a good festive time. It is a time we footballers never enjoy.

The busy programme means there is no time for partying and it means straight to bed while Glasgow, traditional home of hogmanay, celebrates the night away.

I stayed up for "the bells" and then was in bed by 12.30a.m.



Bobby Lennox (left), awarded the MBE. Berwick 'keeper Keith Davidson (below) could come under pressure against Celtic in the Cup.



although I had a long lie-in the next morning before going on to our New Year's Day match against Kilmarnock which we won 2-1.

Then only two days later we were in action again, this time against Morton. Again we triumphed 3-0.

These victories helped make up for that 4-1 defeat at Pittodrie in late December, which to some critics signified the end of the Premier Division race as a contest.

**WRONG!**

I admit 4-1 is a convincing scoreline, but we conceded a corner, a free-kick, a goal out of nothing and a penalty. I know that until we beat Aberdeen we really don't deserve to win the Championship, but the gap is nothing like what some people suggest.

The race has a long way to go and every team has a few points to drop yet.

One final plea to the authorities. Please, let's have a winter break.

## Survive

I now feel that we **MUST** have a halt in December and January if we are to survive. The New Year's Day programme can go too, no matter what the traditionalists believe.

Aberdeen and Dundee United proved that when 23,000 turned up to watch their re-arranged New Year game played a couple of nights early.

It is interesting to note that the West German clubs have just voted in favour of a three-month winter break, and if the Bundesliga can accept such necessary change, then I'm sure the Scottish League can follow suit.

Football needs change to blow away the cobwebs.

See you in two weeks . . .

*Derek Johnstone*

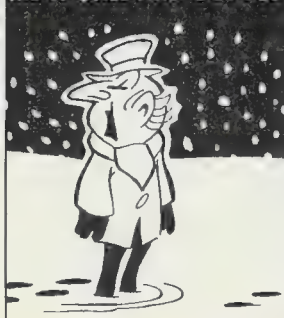
**NEXT WEEK'S TARTAN TALK BY RANGERS' DEREK JOHNSTONE**

**NOBBY**

SURELY, WE'RE NOT PLAYING IN THIS, REF?



I DON'T KNOW — GET ME A BALL AND I'LL SEE



DO YOU WANT ME TO KICK IT TO YOU . . .



OR SHALL I ROLL IT?









# At home with **JIMMY NICHOLL**



The Manchester United and Northern Ireland full-back is captured at home on the outskirts of Manchester. With his wife Susan and four month old daughter Kate, he relaxes away from the pressures of Old Trafford . . . answering fan mail . . . and ensuring his lawn mower is in good condition for the Spring.



**SHOOT!**



**CHILE'S** most popular club, Colo Colo, have escaped from the threat of extinction thanks to a strange deal with Chile's national television company.

The black-and-whites have debts totalling £200,000 and were facing legal proceedings to recover the cash.

But the TV company stepped in and offered to pay off the debts if Colo Colo would agree to play a series of 11 televised matches against top foreign opposition.

The TV people will pay just under £20,000 per game, allowing the club to make a fresh start on a slightly more even financial keel.

## St Mirren praised

AS THE European competitions prepare to resume action with the Quarter-Finals, one man is hoping that the winter break won't have broken a good run — Saint-Etienne goalkeeper Jean Castaneda.

He has the enviable record of not having conceded a goal in the French club's UEFA Cup run during which they've beaten Kuopio Palloseura (Finland) by 7-0 and 7-0; St Mirren (0-0 and 2-0) and Hamburger SV (5-0 and 1-0).

Incidentally, Castaneda says that St Mirren are the team who've given him most problems so far.

REAL MADRID are rumoured to be looking for a replacement for Laurie Cunningham — and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, Hansi Müller, Tony Woodcock and Trevor Francis are on their short-list.

At the moment there are only rumours, but the two Germans have confirmed that they've received discreet approaches from Real . . . and that they want to see their current contracts in West Germany before even thinking of a move to Spain.

SPANISH club Español certainly aimed to cash in on their local derby with Barcelona. The cheapest standing ticket was £6 and fans had to pay £12 to sit on the concrete in the main stand.

## TOUGH TASK

ALFREDO di Stéfano (below), abruptly sacked by Valencia just after their Cup-Winners' Cup triumph last year, is now acting as technical adviser to the Venezuelan national team during their bid to qualify for the 1982 World Cup Finals. This must rank amongst di Stéfano's most daunting tasks ever, as Venezuela have been drawn in the same group as Brazil.



# ASENSI LEAVES BARCELONA

**B**ARCELONA have rarely been out of the news this season, and one of the many surprises coming from the Catalan club has been the release of club and national team captain Juan Manuel Asensi to Mexican club, Puebla for a nominal fee of £120,000. Asensi (31) had aimed to be Spain's captain in the 1982 World Cup, but a recent run of injuries and below-par performances had relegated him to the sidelines.

He'll now join another ex-Spain captain, Pirri, in Mexico, and Puebla's offer to Asensi is similar to the one they made to Pirri — £120,000 a year, plus accommodation and free education for his children.

Asensi joined Barcelona ten years ago from Elche, and hit 125 goals for the Catalan club in 484 appearances. And in 11 years he won 41 caps for Spain, finding the net on seven occasions, and participating in the 1978 World Cup and the 1980 European Championship.

As Asensi headed for the land of cactus and tequila he was asked if Puebla was something of an elephants' graveyard with veterans like 35-year-old Pirri and himself in the side.

"Maybe," said Asensi. "But they're pretty good elephants aren't they?"



## POOR PITCH

THE playing surface of Barcelona's Nou Camp stadium is in a terrible state, and club officials say there's little hope of improvement while construction work to enlarge the ground is under way.

Cement dust they say, is killing the grass, and they gloomily predict that the whole pitch will have to be re-turfed before the inaugural match of the 1982 World Cup — though Barcelona have a full programme to complete.

AVELLINO, the Italian First Division club, have not been able to stage a home game since the Italian earthquake because their ground sustained serious damage. They have appealed to their F.A. and League for financial help, as they are deep in debt with no money coming in.

## HSV's problems pile up

**H**AMBURGER SV, leaders of the Bundesliga at the moment, have parted with their Yugoslav coach Branko Zebec. According to the club, Zebec was continually late for training, claiming he could not get taxis, and was often under the influence of alcohol when turning up for games, home and away.

Zebec had an operation on his pancreas several years back while with Eintracht Braunschweig and was advised not to drink alcohol at all.

It has also been revealed that it has been the players who have decided on the tactical plans this season, not Zebec, and his Yugoslav assistant Alexander Ristic has done most of the training.

HSV are desperate to engage a new boss and clinch the Championship, but all the best coaches are tied up. In the circumstances they look like taking the advice of their new star Franz Beckenbauer, and give the job to Ristic.

The only problem there is that he does not have the "A" licence, a coaching award, from the Sportschule in Cologne, which the German F.A. requires for all First Division coaches.

Ristic is on a course there now with his finals exams in March and Gunter Netzer, the general manager, says he is hopeful that the DFB will give Ristic temporary clearance until his examinations.

● Dutch fans of DS '79 show their disapproval of the referee's decision by waving huge yellow cards. Seems a much nicer way than the way most supporters air their disagreement.



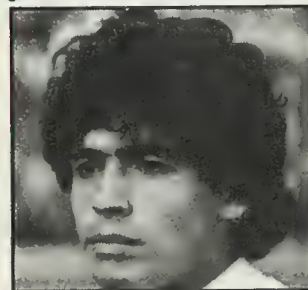
## DIEGO N°1

NOT surprisingly Diego Maradona (below) was voted America's top player by 100 journalists from South, Central and North America.

He polled 485 votes; second was Zico of Brazil (292) and Pato Fillol of Argentina third (120).

Each journalist voted for five players, with his first choice receiving five points and so on.

Without doubt the most interesting sounding name was that of Chile's Vladimir Bigorra.



## News flashes

● Colombian referee Julio Cesar Bedoya had to be rushed to hospital after a brutal attack by . . . a team of soldiers! The assault came after a controversial decision against an Army team.

● Spanish Second Division club Levante received a bitter blow when the club treasurer was waylaid on the way to the bank, and relieved of £8,000 gate receipts from the League match against Rayo Vallecano.

● And another Second Division club, Malaga, suffered a similar fate when they had all their kit, documents, and petty cash stolen from the team bus when they made a short stop for refreshments en route to a game in Jaen.

● The Humane Stars team that recently played a charity match in Barcelona for the UNICEF children's fund was insured against injury for the modest total of £500,000! Bayern Munich topped the list of worried clubs, insisting that their superstar Karl-Heinz

Rummenigge (below) be insured for £280,000 — or just £3,000 per minute!



● Brazilian superstar Francisco Marinho is on the move yet again. The 1974 World Cup star (and renowned playboy) has now joined Sao Paulo.

● León de Huanuco have beaten all previous records in Peru by remaining unbeaten for 25 matches.

● Villa Clara have won the final League in Cuba. They clinched the title well ahead of schedule by dropping only three points in their opening 12 matches, scoring 33 goals in the process and conceding only five.





ESPAÑA 82

FOR the first time, there will be 24 World Cup Finalists in 1982. Europe will have 14 representatives; South America four; Africa two; CONCACAF two; Asia and Oceania two. Here's the latest situation in all the qualifying sections as the . . .

# RACE FOR SPAIN HOTS UP

## EUROPE



Rundmenigge (far right) scores for West Germany in Bulgaria.

### GROUP 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Austria	3	3	0	0	8	0	6
Bulgaria	3	2	0	1	5	4	4
W. Germany	1	1	0	0	3	1	2
Albania	4	1	0	3	3	8	2
Finland	3	0	0	3	0	6	0

Results: Finland 0, Bulgaria 2; Albania 2, Finland 0; Austria 2, Bulgaria 2; Albania 1; Austria 5, Albania 0; Bulgaria 1, West Germany 3; Albania 0, Austria 1.

### GROUP 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Eire	5	3	1	1	12	6	7
Belgium	3	2	1	0	4	1	5
France	2	2	0	0	9	0	4
Holland	2	0	0	2	1	3	0
Cyprus	4	0	0	4	2	18	0

Results: Cyprus 2, Republic of Ireland 3; Republic of Ireland 2, Holland 1; Cyprus 0, France 7; Republic of Ireland 1, Belgium 1; France 2, Republic of Ireland 0; Belgium 1, Holland 0; Republic of Ireland 5, Cyprus 0; Cyprus 0, Belgium 2.

### GROUP 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Wales	3	3	0	0	9	0	6
USSR	2	2	0	0	7	1	4
Czech.	2	1	0	1	2	1	2
Iceland	4	1	0	3	4	12	2
Turkey	3	0	0	3	1	9	0

Results: Iceland 0, Wales 4; Iceland 1, USSR 2; Turkey 1, Iceland 3; USSR 5, Iceland 0; Wales 4, Turkey 0; Wales 1, Czechoslovakia 0; Czechoslovakia 2, Turkey 0.

### GROUP 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
England	3	2	0	1	7	3	4
Rumania	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
Norway	3	1	1	1	3	6	3
Switz'land	2	0	0	2	2	4	0
Hungary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Results: England 4, Norway 0; Norway 1, Rumania 1; Rumania 2, England 1; Switzerland 1, Norway 2; England 2, Switzerland 1.

### GROUP 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Italy	4	4	0	0	8	0	8
Y'slavia	3	2	0	1	7	3	4
Denmark	4	1	0	3	5	5	2
Greece	2	1	0	1	1	2	2
Lux'bourg	3	0	0	3	0	11	0

Results: Luxembourg 0, Yugoslavia 5; Yugoslavia 2, Denmark 1; Luxembourg 0, Italy 2; Denmark 0, Greece 1; Italy 2, Denmark 0; Italy 2, Yugoslavia 0; Denmark 4, Luxembourg 0; Greece 0, Italy 2.

### GROUP 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Portugal	3	2	1	0	4	0	5
N. Ireland	3	1	1	1	3	1	3

Scotland	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Israel	4	0	3	1	1	4	3
Sweden	4	0	2	2	1	5	2

Results: Israel 0, Northern Ireland 0; Sweden 1, Israel 1; Sweden 0, Scotland 1; Northern Ireland 3, Sweden 0; Scotland 0, Portugal 0; Israel 0, Sweden 0; Portugal 1, Northern Ireland 0; Portugal 3, Israel 0.

### GROUP 7

ONLY one game has been played in this group which comprises East Germany, Poland and Malta. Poland won 2-0 in Malta, but the game was abandoned following riots by the Maltese fans. The result will, presumably, stand, although as we go to press FIFA have yet to announce their punishment of Malta. Only one team goes through from this group (as opposed to the top two from the rest), which will obviously be either Poland or East Germany. If FIFA close Malta's stadium and make them play their home tie against East Germany in East Germany, the Poles will, understandably, object as the group could be well be decided on goal-difference. The Germans would score less goals on the stony surface of Malta than in their own backyard. A delicate situation for the World Cup authorities.

## AFRICA

TWENTY-EIGHT countries began the play-off ties and we're now approaching the final eight; John Chiedozie's Nigeria are definitely there, along with Morocco, Cameroon, Zaire and Guinea. Either Libya or Egypt, Niger or Togo and Algeria or Sudan will complete the eight.



Scotland v Zaire (above) in the '74 Finals . . . below is Brazil's Falcao.



## CONCACAF



Mexico sharpshooter Hugo Sanchez.

THE six CONCACAF nations competing in a play-off for two places in the 1982 World Cup Finals are Mexico, Canada, Cuba, Haiti, Honduras and El Salvador. The six now take part in a final tournament in Costa Rica, the top two go through to Spain.

## ASIA and OCEANIA

THERE are 16 countries in this section divided into groups thus: Indonesia, Australia, Fiji, New Zealand and Taiwan; Iraq, Syria, Bahrain, Qatar and Saudi Arabia; Kuwait, Iran, Thailand, Malaysia and South Korea; Hong Kong, Macao, Rep. of China, North Korea, Japan and Singapore. Some of the preliminary ties have started. The winners of the four groups will

play-off in a home-and-away series, with the top two sides qualifying for the Finals. FIFA new boys Republic of China have qualified from their section.



Australia's Jim Tansey on the ball.

## SOUTH AMERICA

THE South American groups swing into action next month. Argentina, as holders, qualify automatically, of course. The three groups are: Brazil, Bolivia and Venezuela; Colombia, Peru and Uruguay; Chile, Ecuador and Paraguay. The winners of each of three qualifying sections will join Argentina in the Finals.



# LINE-UPS...RESULTS...SCORERS...

**Friday, December 26**

(Continued)

## Second Division

**BLACKBURN 0**  
**PRESTON 0** 17,726  
Blackburn: Butcher, Branagan, DeVries, Kendall, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherston, Crawford, Lowey (Stonehouse), McKenzie, Parkes.  
Preston: Tunks, Taylor, McAteer, Burns, Baxter, O'Riordan, Coleman, Doyle, Elliott, Bruce, Houston.

**BRISTOL CITY 0**  
**CARDIFF 0** 14,921  
Bristol City: Moller, Sweeney, Hay, Aitken, Rodgers, Marshall, Tainton, Fitzpatrick, Mabbutt, Ritchie, Garland.  
Cardiff: Healey, Jones, Roberts, Hughes, Pontin, Dwyer, Lewis, Kitchen, Stevens, Ronson, Buchanan.

**DERBY (2) 4** (Biley 2, Swindlehurst 2)  
**OLDHAM (1) 1** (Wylde) 16,598  
Derby: Jones, Emery, Richards, Clark, McFarland, Ramage, Powell S, Hector (Reid), Biley, Swindlehurst, Emsen.  
Oldham: Platt, Sinclair, Blair, Keegan, Clements, Hurst, Wylde, Fletcher, Steel, Gardner, McDonough.

**GRIMSBY 0**  
**NEWCASTLE 0** 17,623  
Grimsby: Batch, Stone, Crombie, Waters, Czuczman, Moore K, Brolly, Whymark, Drinkell, Mitchell, Ford (Cumming).  
Newcastle: Carr, Carney, Johnson, Martin, Boam, Mitchell, Shinton, Trewick, Harford, Wharton, Waddle.

**LUTON (0) 2** (Stein 2)  
**CHELSEA (0) 0** 16,006  
Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Donaghy, Grealish, West, Price, Hill, Stein, Ingram, Aizlewood, Moss.  
Chelsea: Borota, Locke, Rofe, Bumstead, Pates, Nutton (Elmes), Driver, Fillery, Lee, Mayes, Hutchins.

**ORIENT (1) 1** (Taylor P)  
**WATFORD (1) 1** (Blissett) 10,041  
Orient: Day, Fisher, Roffey, Taylor T, Gray, Parsons.

Chiedozie, Moores, Mayo, Bowles, Taylor P.  
Watford: Sherwood, Rice, Harrison, Taylor, Sims, Jackett, Callaghan, Blissett, Armstrong, Rostron, Poskett.

**QPR (1) 3** (Silkman, Currie, Stainrod)  
**WEST HAM (0) 0** 23,811  
QPR: Burridge, Shanks, Gillard, Fenwick, Wicks, Roeder, Flanagan, King, Stainrod, Currie (Waddock), Silkman.  
West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Devonshire, Holland, Goddard, Cross (Neighbour), Brooking, Pike.



West Ham 'keeper Phil Parkes is beaten by Q.P.R.'s Barry Silkman.

**SHEFFIELD WED (0) 1** (Pearson)  
**SHREWSBURY (0) 1** (Atkins) 22,863  
Sheff. Wed: Bolder, Blackhall, Grant, Smith, Shirtliff P, Sterland, Mirocevic (Pearson), Johnson, Leman, McCulloch, Curran.  
Shrewsbury: Wardle, King, Leonard, Turner, Griffin, Keay, Tong, Atkins, Bates, Petts, Cross.

**SWANSEA (2) 2** (Stevenson, James R)  
**BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 1** (Emmanuel) 15,135  
Swansea: Stewart, Attley, Madzibdic, Rushbury, Stevenson, Phillips, Mahoney, James R, James L, Charles, Robinson.  
Bristol Rovers: Thomas, Jones, Bater, McCaffrey, Mabbut, Emmanuel, Williams S (Barrowclough), Puls, Williams D, Barrett.

**WREXHAM (0) 0**  
**BOLTON (1) 1** (Whatmore) 7,653  
Wrexham: Davies, Jones, Kenworthy, Hill, Davis, Cegielski, Vinter, Fox, Sutton, Edwards, McNeil, Cartwright.  
Bolton: Poole, Graham, McElhinney, Wilson, Nikolic, Bennett, Nicholson, Whatmore, Hoggan, Kidd, Gowing.

Notts County v Cambridge postponed.

## Third Division

**BLACKPOOL (2) 2** (Morgan, Bamber)  
**CHESTER (0) 3** (Fear, Ludlam, Cooke) 4,878

**BRENTFORD (1) 2** (Kruse, Hurlock)  
**COLCHESTER (1) 1** (Bremner) 6,240

**CARLISLE (3) 3** (Campbell, Beardsley, Coughlin)  
**BURNLEY (0) 2** (Scott, Taylor) 7,137

**CHESTERFIELD 0**  
**BARNLEY 0** 17,146

**FULHAM (1) 2** (Lock pen, Davies)  
**SHEFFIELD UTD (0) 1** (Hatton) 6,029

**GILLINGHAM (0) 1** (Weatherley)  
**MILLWALL (1) 2** (Bartley, McKenna) 4,603

**HULL (0) 1** (Edwards)  
**ROTHERHAM (1) 2** (Gooding, Henson) 8,618

**NEWPORT (0) 0**  
**SWINDON (1) 2** (Kamara, Lewis) 7,086

**OXFORD (1) 1** (Berry)  
**CHARLTON (0) 0** 5,717

**PLYMOUTH 0**  
**EXETER (2) 2** (Kellow pen, Pullar) 14,702

**PORTSMOUTH 0**  
**READING 0** 17,412

**WALSALL (1) 2** (Buckley, O'Kelly)  
**HUDDERSFIELD (0) 2** (Austin 2) 5,906

## Fourth Division

**ALDRSHOT (1) 4** (Sanford 4)  
**HEREFORD (0) 0** 3,094

**BOURNEMOUTH (0) 2** (Cusack og, Spackman)  
**SOUTHEND (0) 1** (Polycarpou) 4,381

**BRADFORD (1) 1** (Dolan pen)  
**DONCASTER (0) 1** (Mell) 4,356

**BURY (2) 2** (Hilton, Butler)  
**YORK (0) 0** 3,224

**DARLINGTON (2) 3** (Stalker, Walsh, Hamilton)  
**HARTLEPOOL (0) 0** 7,152

**MANSFIELD (0) 1** (Allen)  
**SCUNTHORPE (0) 0** 4,261

**PETERBOROUGH (2) 3** (Kellock, Cooke, Robson)  
**NORTHAMPTON (0) 0** 6,265

**PORT VALE (0) 0**  
**LINCOLN (0) 1** (Turner) 4,239

**ROCHDALE (1) 1** (Wellings pen)  
**HALIFAX (0) 1** (Hendrie) 2,623

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# LINE-UPS...RESULTS...SCORERS...

TORQUAY (1) 2 (Lawrence, Fell pen)  
WIMBLEDON (2) 3 (Leslie, Hubbick, Cork) 3,191

TRANMERE (1) 1 (Kerr)  
STOCKPORT (0) 0 2,531

WIGAN 0  
CREWE 0 5,026

**Saturday, December 27**

## First Division

ARSENAL (1) 1 (Sunderland)  
IPSWICH (0) 1 (Wark pen) 42,818  
Arsenal: Jennings, Devine, Sansom, Talbot, Walford, Young, Hollins, Sunderland, Stapleton, Gating, Rix.  
Ipswich: Cooper, Mills, McCall (O'Callaghan), Thijssen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Brazil, Gates.



Alan Sunderland scores for Arsenal against Ipswich.

BIRMINGHAM (2) 3 (Gemmill, Bertschin, Worthington)  
SUNDERLAND (1) 2 (Hawley, Rowell) 19,005  
Birmingham: Cotton, Langan, Lees, Curbishley, Gallagher, Todd, Ainscow, Bertschin, Worthington, Gemmill, Dillon.  
Sunderland: Turner, Whitworth, Bolton, Elliott, Hindmarch, Chisholm, Rowell, Arnott, Cooke, Hawley, Cummins.

BRIGHTON (1) 3 (O'Sullivan, Robinson 2)  
CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 2 (Murphy, Gregory og) 27,367  
Brighton: Phillips, Gregory, Stevens, Horton, Foster, Lawrenson, McNab, Ritchie, Robinson, Clark, O'Sullivan.  
C. Palace: Fry, Hinshelwood, Boyle, Nicholas, Cannon, Lovell (Brooks), Murphy, Francis, Allen, Sealy, Hilaire.

LIVERPOOL 0  
LEEDS 0 44,096  
Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Kennedy A, Irwin, Kennedy R, Money, Dalglish (Heighway), Lee, Johnson, McDermott, Luke.  
Leeds: Lurie, Hird, Gray, Flynn, Hart, Cherry, Harris, Parlane, Connor (Hamson), Sabella, Graham.

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 4 (McDonald, Hutchison 2, Reeves)  
WOLVES (0) 0 37,817  
Man. City: Corrigan, Ranson, McDonald, Reid, Power, Caton, Boyer, Gow, Mackenzie, Hutchison, Reeves.  
Wolves: Bradshaw, Palmer, Hollifield, Berry, Brazier, Hughes, Hibbitt, Carr (Atkinson), Bell, Richards, Gray.

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 1 (Ashcroft)  
EVERTON (0) 0 20,210  
Middlesbrough: Platt, Craggs, Bailey, McAndrew, Ashcroft, Nattrass, Cochrane, Proctor, Hodgson, Shearer, Armstrong.  
Everton: McDonagh, Gidman, Bailey, Wright, Ratcliffe, Ross, McMahon, Eastoe, Varadi, Hartford, McBride

NORWICH (1) 2 (Fashanu, Bond pen)  
TOTTENHAM (1) 2 (Archibald, Hoddle) 23,898  
Norwich: Baker, Bond, Downes (Woods), Maguire, Hoadley, McDowell, Mendham, Fashanu, Royle, Padon, Goble.  
Tottenham: Aleksic, Roberts, O'Reilly, Yorath, Lacy, Perryman, Brooke, Archibald, Villa (Miller), Hoddle, Crooks.

NOTTM. FOREST (1) 2 (Francis, O'Neill)  
ASTON VILLA (1) 2 (Lloyd og, Shaw) 33,930  
Nottm. Forest: Shilton, Anderson, Gray, McGovern, Lloyd, Gunn, Ponte, O'Neill, Francis, Wallace, Robertson.  
Aston Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Williams, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Bremner, Shaw, Geddis, Cowans, Morley.

SOUTHAMPTON (4) 4 (Keegan, Baker pen, George, Moran)  
LEICESTER (0) 0 21,886  
Southampton: Wells, Golac, Holmes, Williams, Agboola, Nicholl, Keegan, Channon, George, Moran, Baker.  
Leicester: Wallington, Williams, Welsh, Peake, Scott, O'Neill, Henderson, Melrose, Young, Wilson, MacDonald.

STOKE (0) 2 (Doyle, Griffiths)  
COVENTRY (1) 2 (Hateley, Thompson) 17,675  
Stoke: Fox, Evans, Munro, Dodd, Doyle, Heath, Bracewell, Richardson, O'Callaghan, Ursem (Thorley), Griffiths.  
Coventry: Seeley, Thomas, Roberts, Blair, Dyson, Gillespie, Bannister, Daly, Thompson, Hateley, Hunt.

WBA (2) 3 (Owen pen, Barnes, Regis)  
MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 1 (Jovanovic) 30,033  
WBA: Godden, Batson, Cowdrill, Moses, Wile, Bennett, Robson, Brown, Regis, Owen, Barnes.  
Man. Utd: Bailey, Nicholl, Albiston, McIlroy, Jovanovic, Moran, Coppell, Duxbury, Jordan, Macari, Thomas.

## Second Division

BOLTON (0) 1 (Hoggan)  
BLACKBURN (0) 2 (Stonehouse, Burke) 19,194  
Bolton: Peacock, Graham, McElhinney, Wilson, Brennan, Bennett (Carter), Nikolic, Thomas, Hoggan, Kidd, Gowing.  
Blackburn: Butcher, Branagan, Dr Vries, Kendall, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherston, Stonehouse, Crawford, Burke, Parkes.

BRISTOL ROVERS (2) 2 (Barrowclough, Mabbutt)  
LUTON (3) 4 (Stein 3, Hill) 7,010  
Bristol Rovers: Thomas, Jones, Bate, Emmanuel, Hughes (Gillies), Cooper, Williams S, Barrowclough, Mabbutt, Williams G, Barrett.  
Luton: Findlay, Stephens (Antic), Donaghy, Grealish, West, Price, Hill, Stein, Ingram, Aizelwood, Moss.

CARDIFF (1) 3 (Stevenson, Kitchen, Buchanan)  
SWANSEA (2) 3 (Robinson, Curtis, James L) 21,239  
Cardiff: Healey, Jones, Lewis, Hughes, Pontin, Dwyer (Giles), Bishop, Kitchen, Stevenson, Ronson, Buchanan.  
Swansea: Stewart, Attley, Hadziabdic, Mahoney, Stevenson, Phillips, Curtis, James R, James L, Charles, Robinson.

CHELSEA 0  
BRISTOL CITY 0 18,514  
Chelsea: Borota, Locke, Rofe, Bumstead, Pates, Chivers, Hutchings (Walker), Fillyer, Lee, Mayes, Rhoades-Brown.  
Bristol City: Moller, Sweeney, Hay, Aitken, Rodgers, Marshall, Tainton, Fitzpatrick, Garland (Smith), Ritchie, Pritchard.

NEWCASTLE (0) 0  
DERBY (1) 2 (Boam (o.g.), McFarland) 20,858  
Newcastle: Carr, Carney, Mitchell (Hibbitt), Martin, Johnson, Boam, Trewick, Wharton, Harford, Waddle, Shinton.  
Derby: Jones, Emery, Ramage, Clarke, McFarland, Richards, Powell B, Hector, Biley, Swindlehurst, Emson.

OLDHAM (1) 1 (Wylde)  
GRIMSBY (1) 2 (Waters, Ford) 7,193  
Oldham: Platt, Sinclair, Blair, Kowenicki, Clements, Hurst, Wylde, Fitcher, Steel (Gardener), Keegan, Atkinson.  
Grimsby: Batch, Stone, Crosby, Waters, Czuczman, Crombie, Brolly (Whymark), Ford, Drinkell, Mitchell, Cumming.

PRESTON (2) 2 (Baxter, Elliott pen)  
NOTTS COUNTY (1) 2 (Harkouk, Manns) 6,547  
Preston: Tunks, Taylor, Baxter, O'Riordan, McAteer, Doyle, Coleman, Bell, Houston, Elliott, Bruce (McGee).  
Notts County: Leonard, Benjamin, Hunt, Kilcline, Wood, Docherty (McFarland), Manns, Masson, Bevan, Christie, Harkouk.

SHREWSBURY (1) 1 (Keay pen)  
WREXHAM (2) 2 (McNeil, Jones) 9,320  
Shrewsbury: Wardle, King, Griffin, Keay, Leonard, Turner, Tong, Cross, Potts, Bates, Atkins (Biggins).  
Wrexham: Davies, Hill, Davis, Cegielski, Jones, Arkwright, Sutton, Cartwright, Buxton (Fox), McNeil, Edwards.

WATFORD (0) 1 (Ward)  
QPR (1) 1 (King) 22,911  
Watford: Sherwood, Rice, Harrison, Taylor, Sims, Jackett, Rostron (Ward), Blissett, Armstrong, Train, Poskett.  
QPR: Burridge, Shanks, Gillard, Fenwick, Wicks, Roeder, Flanagan, King, Stainrod, Waddock, Silkman.

WEST HAM (0) 2 (Holland, Allen)  
ORIENT (0) 1 (Chiedozie) 34,409  
West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard (Allen), Bonds, Martin, Devonshire, Holland, Goddard, Morgan, Brookling, Pike.  
Orient: Day, Fisher, Roffey, Taylor T, Gray, Parsons, Chiedozie, Moores, Mayo, Bowles, Taylor P.

## Third Division

BARNLEY (2) 3 (Glavin 2, Aylott)  
WALSALL (0) 0 14,959

BURNLEY (2) 4 (Taylor, Potts, Law, Holt)  
BLACKPOOL (0) 1 (Bamber) 10,667

CHARLTON (1) 1 (Walker)  
FULHAM (0) 1 (Greenaway) 11,070

CHESTER (1) 2 (Cooke, Fear)  
CHESTERFIELD (0) 1 (Birch pen) 4,222

COLCHESTER (1) 2 (Packer pen, Lee)  
GILLINGHAM (1) 1 (Price) 3,879

EXETER (1) 2 (Puller, Kellow pen)  
NEWPORT (2) 2 (Tynan pen, Gwyther) 6,295

HUDDERSFIELD (2) 5 (Stanton, Austin, Cowling, Lillis, Robins)  
HULL (0) 0 13,240

MILLWALL 0  
PORTSMOUTH 0 9,422

READING (0) 0  
OXFORD (0) 1 (Cooke) 7,019

ROTHERHAM (2) 3 (Moore 2, Fern)  
CARLISLE (0) 0 8,450

SHEFFIELD UTD 0  
BRENTFORD 0 13,130

SWINDON (0) 3 (Carter, Greenwood, Rowland)  
PLYMOUTH (0) 0 9,710

## Fourth Division

CREWE (1) 1 (Coayne)  
PETERBOROUGH (0) 0 4,132

DONCASTER (0) 1 (Little)  
TRANMERE (0) 0 5,530

HALIFAX (0) 1 (Graham)  
DARLINGTON (1) 2 (Walsh, Skipper) 1,905

HARTLEPOOL (1) 2 (Hampton, Hogan)  
BRADFORD (2) 2 (Ingham, McNiven) 3,670

HEREFORD (0) 0  
TORQUAY (1) 1 (Cox) 3,412

LINCOLN (1) 1 (Carr)  
MANSFIELD (1) 1 (Thompson og) 8,522

NORTHAMPTON (1) 5 (Farmer, Bowen 2, Sandcock, Denyer)  
PORT VALE (0) 1 (Chamberlain) 2,978

SCUNTHORPE (2) 2 (Boxhall, Cammack)  
BURY (0) 2 (Hilton, Mullen) 2,360

SOUTHEND (2) 3 (Pountney, Gray, Mercer)  
ALDRSHOT (0) 0 6,929

STOCKPORT (0) 0  
WIGAN (1) 1 (Quinn) 3,062

WIMBLEDON (1) 2 (Cork, Hubbick)  
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0 2,691

YORK (1) 1 (Smith)  
ROCHDALE (0) 2 (Wellings, Martinez) 2,828

## Scottish Premier

ABERDEEN (2) 4 (McLeish, Miller, McCall, Strachan)  
CELTIC (0) 1 (Nicholas) 24,000  
Aberdeen: Leighton, Kennedy, McLeish, Miller, Considine, Strachan, Watson, Bell (Rougvie), McCall, McGhee, Scanlon.  
Celtic: Bonner, McGrain, McDonald, McAdam, Reid, Aitken, Conroy (Provan), Weir, Burns, McGarvey, McCluskey (Nicholas).

DUNDEE UTD (1) 4 (Sturrock 2, Milne 2)  
HEARTS (1) 1 (Gibson) 6,298  
Dundee Utd: McAlpine, Holt, Hegarty, Narey, Kopel, Gibson, Phillip, Bannan, Milne, Sturrock, Dods.  
Hearts: Brough, More, McVie, Denny, Shields, Robinson, Masterton, Hamill, O'Brien, O'Connor, Gibson.

MORTON (0) 2 (Tolmie, Hutchison)  
PARTICK (0) 0 6,000  
Morton: Baines, Hayes, McLoughlin, Orr, Holmes, Rooney, Busby (Hutchison), Thomson, McNeil, Ritchie, Tolmie.  
Partick: Rough, Doyle, Campbell, Anderson, Whittaker, Jardine, Park (McDonald), O'Hara, Watson, Torrance, Clark.

Airdrie v Kilmarnock, Rangers v St Mirren postponed.

## Scottish First

AYR (1) 1 (Fleming)  
DUNDEE (0) 0 4,036

HAMILTON (0) 1 (Fairlie)  
E. STIRLING (0) 0 1,670

HIBS (3) 3 (McLeod 2, Connolly)  
STIRLING (0) 0 5,600

ST JOHNSTONE (0) 2 (Docherty 2)  
DUMBARTON (0) 0 2,018

Clydebank v Raith, Dunfermline v Berwick, Falkirk v Motherwell postponed.

## Scottish Second

ARBROATH (0) 1 (Hyslop)  
QoS (1) 2 (McCann, Robertson) 600

BRECHIN (0) 3 (Henderson, Peterson, Graham)  
CLYDE (1) 1 (Kinnear) 500

E. FIFE 0  
FORFAR 0 616

MEADOWBANK (0) 0  
STRANRAER (0) 1 (Brown) 250

Cowdenbeath v Alloa, Stenhousemuir v Albion, Queen's Park v Montrose postponed.

**Tuesday, December 30**

## Scottish Premier

ABERDEEN (0) 1 (Scanlon pen)  
DUNDEE UNITED (1) 1 (Dods) 22,000  
Aberdeen: Leighton, Kennedy, Considine, Watson, McLeish, Miller, Strachan, McCall (Hewitt), McGhee, Bell (Angus), Scanlon.  
Dundee United: McAlpine, Holt, Kopel, Philip, Hegarty, Narey, Bannan, Milne, Gibson, Sturrock, Dods.

**Thursday, Jan 1, 1981**

## Scottish Premier

HEARTS (0) 2 (Gibson, O'Brien)  
AIRDRIE (0) 3 (Rodger, McCulloch 2) 8,086  
Hearts: Brough, More, Shields, Denny, McVie, Masterton, Hamill, Gibson, Conn, O'Brien, McDonald.  
Airdrie: Martin, Cairney, Rodger, Walker, Anderson G, Anderson P (McCulloch), Russell, Clark, McCuskey, Gordon, McGuire.

KILMARNOCK (1) 1 (Hughes)  
CELTIC (2) 2 (McGarvey 2) 8,000  
Kilmarnock: Wilson A, McLean, Cockburn, McClurg, Armstrong, Clarke, Houston, Gibson, Bourke, Wilson G, Hughes.  
Celtic: Bonner, McGrain, Reid, Sullivan, McAdam, Aitken, Provan, Weir, McGarvey, Burns, Nicholas.

MORTON (0) 1 (Ritchie pen)  
ST MIRREN (3) 3 (McCormack, Somner, Weir) 8,000  
Morton: Baines, Hayes, Holmes, Rooney, McLoughlin, Orr, McNeil, Busby, Thomson, Tolmie, Ritchie.  
St Mirren: Thomson, Young, Beckett, McCormack, Fulton, Copland, Bone, Stark, Somner, Richardson, Weir.

RANGERS (1) 1 (McAdam)  
PARTICK (0) 1 (O'Hara) 17,000  
Rangers: McCloy, Jardine, Dawson, Miller, Johnstone, Bett, McLean (McDonald), McAdam, Radford, Cooper (McKay).  
Partick: Rough, Russell, Welsh, Whittaker, Campbell, Anderson, Watson, Park, Jardine, Sweeney, Doyle, O'Hara.

## Scottish First

BERWICK (0) 0  
HIBERNIAN (2) 2 (MacLeod, Duncan) 2,110





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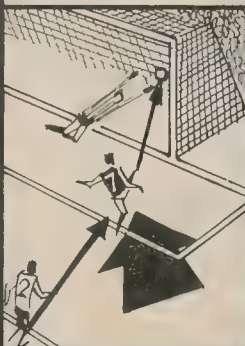
1

You are about to drop the ball when you see a player kick an opponent. After dismissing the offender, should you restart the game with (a) a free-kick against the player or (b) a drop-ball?



2

From a free-kick a defender passes the ball back towards his goalkeeper. An attacker, standing in an offside position, intercepts the ball and scores. Should you allow the goal?



3

Should you allow three players of the home side to play in tracksuits?



4

When a goal is scored you realise that the scorer is a substitute who came on to the pitch without your permission.

After cautioning the player should you (a) allow the goal, or (b) disallow the goal and restart with a free-kick.



5

A player is receiving treatment sitting on the touchline. Should you (a) order him off the pitch, or (b) take no action?



## ANSWERS

1 A drop ball (b). 2 Yes. During my game between Brighton and Manchester United, a Brighton defender passed the ball back to his goalkeeper, unaware that McIlroy was standing on his own near the penalty spot. The ball went to him, I shouted "play on", and he put the ball into the net. It was interesting that after the match Barry Davies, who was commenting for the BBC, thought I should have awarded a free-kick for offside. 3 No. The official kit is to wear a tracksuit. If clubs apply for special permission in freezing boots, stockings, shorts and shirt, but I would allow a goalkeeper to wear a tracksuit. 4 Allow the goal if there are 11 players on his side on the pitch, but book him. 5 Order him off the pitch (a).

IT'S an incredible fact, even in this day and age, but since the start of this season, one in six League clubs have already had a change of manager!

By the time you read this, the figure will probably have changed, such is the certainty of the sacking a week syndrome.

Of course, not all managers are sacked, some move on of their own accord. John Bond, Allan Clarke and Arthur Cox, for example, have all swapped small chairs for somewhat bigger ones, and it is this prospect of one day hitting the "Big Time" that continues to tempt men into management, despite all the pitfalls.

And one imagines that there must soon be a new wave of young managers ready to scoop the pool, to become the Paisleys, the Cloughs and the McMenemys of tomorrow.

With Revie deserting, Shankly prematurely retired, Mercer in the boardroom, Mee behind the scenes, Dicks down and out, Adamson bloody and bowed and the Doc moving on to Australia, the game has lost a lot of characters.

Who then can take their places at the top? Allan Clarke appears to have the right credentials. He was a great player and therefore com-

Allan Clarke



mands respect. He can always point to his medals.

He is single-minded in the search of success and demands and gets total support from his staff. He believes he is a winner and has the necessary confidence to back his own judgment.

Since his return to Leeds, Clarke has reawakened a sleeping giant. He has made some perhaps outrageous statements, but if they were designed to get the name of the club back in the headlines, then he has certainly succeeded.

His proud boast of putting Leeds back on the map hasn't exactly been backed up by results — only eight League victories up to the beginning of 1981 — but at least he has got the club moving in the right direction, although acknowledging it hasn't been pretty to watch.

There is one other name that springs to mind in the First Division, and it is that of a man who

Wayne Clarke (right) is one of the young players to have benefited from Richie Barker's guidance at Wolves.

isn't even a manager at the moment.

Richie Barker would have been Manchester City's choice if they hadn't landed John Bond.

And that's indicative of the high esteem in which the Wolves number two is held.

Barker has served with Alan Durban at Shrewsbury, John Barnwell at Molineux and ran things himself during a short spell at Gay Meadow, and he has won the reputation of being a young man with a big future.

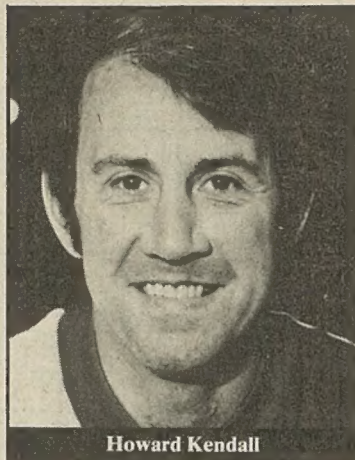
Those who have worked with Barker have nothing but praise for him and there appears nothing more certain than that he will soon be persuaded to leave Wolves for another crack as a number one.

The Second Division seems to be





Richie Barker



Howard Kendall

# Managers who could be TOMORROW'S TOP BOSSES



John Docherty



Colin Murphy



Mick Buxton

a popular trial area for player-managers these days, and the one who has without doubt made most impact is Howard Kendall of Blackburn Rovers.

Always the most cultured and thoughtful of footballers, Kendall is now splitting those qualities right down the middle, in the way he used to split defences with the calculated through ball.

Still incisive in the Blackburn midfield, Kendall is now just as sharp off the field, and his achievement in getting the club off its knees and back to the top half of the Second Division in a mere 15 months is little short of remarkable.

He has used the cheque book sparingly, yet with the addition of Jim Arnold, from non-League football, Roger De Vries, Mick Rathbone and Jim Branagan, on free

transfers and Mick Speight and Andy Crawford, for next-to-nothing, he has forged a side very capable of bringing First Division football back to Ewood Park.

Blackburn do have a famous tradition, of course, but Cambridge United are comparative babes in arms.

Yet John Docherty has got them very nicely placed in the Second Division, which is no mean tribute to his ability.

With the smallest ground capacity in the League, Docherty is well aware that no matter what his side achieve on the pitch, they can never pull in vast crowds.

Even so, he has assembled a squad of players who can live with the best, as they've proved against Villa and Wolves this season.

Docherty made his managerial debut with Brentford, the club he

served with such distinction as a player, and he did nothing there to suggest he would be such a wow with anyone else, but full marks to the Cambridge directors, who clearly spotted the latent talent which Docherty is now displaying to such good effect.

Colin Addison has already admitted to being under pressure at Derby County this season.

That can only be because a club which has enjoyed success at the very highest level so recently demands nothing less than immediate return to glory after the ignominy of relegation.

Addison has been restricted in his spending and he has perhaps been a little unlucky in that the men he did bring in, notably Alan Biley and Barry Powell, haven't broken any pots at the Baseball Ground.

But Addison has talent, as he proved with Hereford, Newport and WBA, and given time, he will prove himself again with Derby.

Talking of Derby, who remembers the manager who preceded Tommy Docherty?

The name was Colin Murphy and this likeable man who suffered enough to hang himself in those dark and depressing days is making a comeback with Lincoln City.

Murphy had a rough ride with Derby. He was trying to fill the shoes of none other than Brian Clough and Dave Mackay, while moves were being made to entice Cloughie back.

It would have been an intolerable situation for an experienced man. For a novice like Murphy it was all too big for him to handle, and to no one's surprise he perished.

Now, showing great character, and having learned a little more about the art of management under that wily wizard Jimmy Sirrel at Notts County, Murphy is making a notable comeback at Sincil Bank. He will be all the better for his varied experiences.

George Kerr continues to be impressively his "own man" at Grimsby, Alan Ball is trying to reshape things at Blackpool and Ian Porterfield has soon got to grips with the job at Rotherham, but the young manager who continues to catch the eye in the North of England is Mick Buxton, of Huddersfield Town.

Last season Buxton worked out a way of getting his side out of the Fourth Division. The "bull at a gate" attacking style worked wonders, and his side scored over 100 goals.

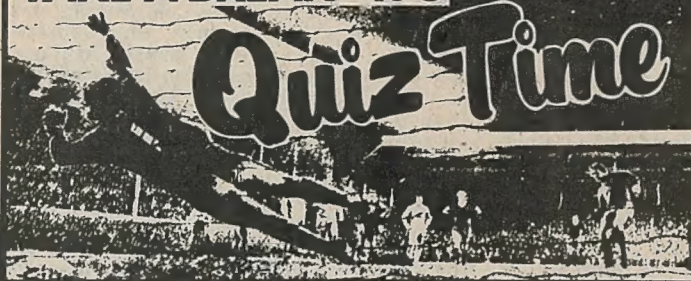
Now he's changed things to suit the different demands of the Third Division, and it's going so well, Buxton is getting the reputation of being a master tactician — and a top manager of the future.

Glenn Keeley (centre) has emerged under Howard Kendall's leadership at Blackburn Rovers.





TAKE A BREAK—IT'S



## PAST STARS...

Read the following clues and see if you can identify the former stars, who are now managers.

1. As a player, he starred for Arsenal and Hull City where he gained caps at Schoolboy, Youth, Under-23, B and Full level for Northern Ireland. He is currently manager of a successful First Division club.

2. Another First Division boss who played for Chelmsford, Luton Town, West Ham, Orient, Brighton and Crystal Palace. Guided a famous London club to a European trophy in the early 1970's.

3. Was a member of England's 1966 World Cup-winning side who saw service with Manchester United, Middlesbrough and Preston.

4. He won an Amateur Cup-winners' medal in 1939 for Bishop Auckland before signing professional with his only League club. After more than 40 years he has won almost every honour home and abroad.

5. Was player-manager of Hereford when they were non-League and shocked the football world by knocking Newcastle out of the F.A. Cup in 1971-72. Took over at the Baseball Ground in July, 1979.

## ...AND PRESENT

1. Jim Lumby was transferred recently from Tranmere Rovers to which Fourth Division club?

2. Joe Bolton (right) completed 250 League games over the New Year for which First Division club?

3. Reading goalkeeper Steve Death made a record 454 League appearances for the club against Colchester. Did he join The Biscuitmen from West Ham, Orient or Chelsea for £20,000 in 1968, 1969 or 1970?

4. Orient's Peter Taylor has played for three other League clubs... can you name them?

5. Ivan Golac, Southampton's stylish full-back, is a full international for which country?



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## F.A. CUP

The Third Round of the F.A. Cup was played recently. See if you can answer the following questions about the ties.

1. Did Ray Stewart, Trevor Brookling or David Cross (right) score West Ham's goal in their 1-1 draw against Wrexham at Upton Park?

2. Non-League Maidstone were beaten 0-2, 1-3 or 2-4 by Third Division Exeter City at home?

3. Who scored Everton's first goal in their 2-0 win against Arsenal at Goodison Park?

4. Did Kevin Keegan score for Southampton during their 3-1 home win against Second Division Chelsea?

5. Who scored Watford's winning goal in their 1-0 defeat of Colchester United at Layer Road?

## TRUE or FALSE?

1. Queens Park Rangers' recent signing from Crystal Palace, Mike Flanagan, began his League career with Spurs, although he didn't play in their League side.

2. Scottish non-League side Buckie Thistle defeated Second Division Meadowbank Thistle at the first attempt in the Scottish Cup First Round.

3. Fourth Division Southend United play their home games at Roots Hill.

4. Ted Phillips holds the record of 41 League goals in a season for Ipswich Town when he achieved that total in 1956-57.

5. Aston Villa midfield player Des Bremner (top left) is a Scottish international player.

## TRACE-A TEAM

The names of 12 past or present Chelsea players are spelt out in this frame in straight lines, either horizontally, vertically or diagonally, and forwards or backwards. How many can you find?



## ANSWERS:

PAST PLAYERS: 1. Arsenal boss Terry Neill. 2. Manchester United's Dave Sexton. 3. Nobby Stiles of Preston. 4. Liverpool's Bob Paisley. 5. Colin Addison of Derby.  
AND PRESENT: 1. Mansfield. 2. Sunderland. 3. 1969. 4. South- end United, Crystal Palace and Spurs. 5. Yugoslavia.  
F.A. CUP: 1. Stewart. 2. 2-4. 3. A. Kenny Sansom own-goal. 4. Yes. 5. Malcolm Poskett.  
TRUE OR FALSE: 1. True. 2. False — they won through after a replay. 3. False — they play at Roots Hall. 4. True. 5. True.  
TRACE-A-TEAM: Borota, Locke, Wilkins, Chivers, Nutton, Bum- stead, Viljoen, Langley, Walker, Frost, Lee, Clare.



**B**Y his own admission David Johnson has not been playing well this season. Certainly not by the standards he set last season when he was the top scorer at Liverpool with 26 goals.

But he has not been doing all that badly either. At the halfway stage this season he had scored ten goals from his 22 appearances.

"A striker thrives on goals," says Johnson. "I'm no different from anybody else in that respect. But my job at Anfield is not just about scoring. Bob Paisley once told me that was a bonus for him."

"Everything I hit last season was going into the net, so I had the confidence to try different things. This term it's been a little different."

### 'Bubbling'

"When I came back from Italy and the European Championship with England I was bubbling. I couldn't wait for the season to start. I did well in the pre-season games, but for some reason I lost it when we started in earnest."

Johnson hit the proverbial nail on the head when he mentioned confidence. In his case it was done no good at all when Ron Greenwood mysteriously left him out of the England squad named to play

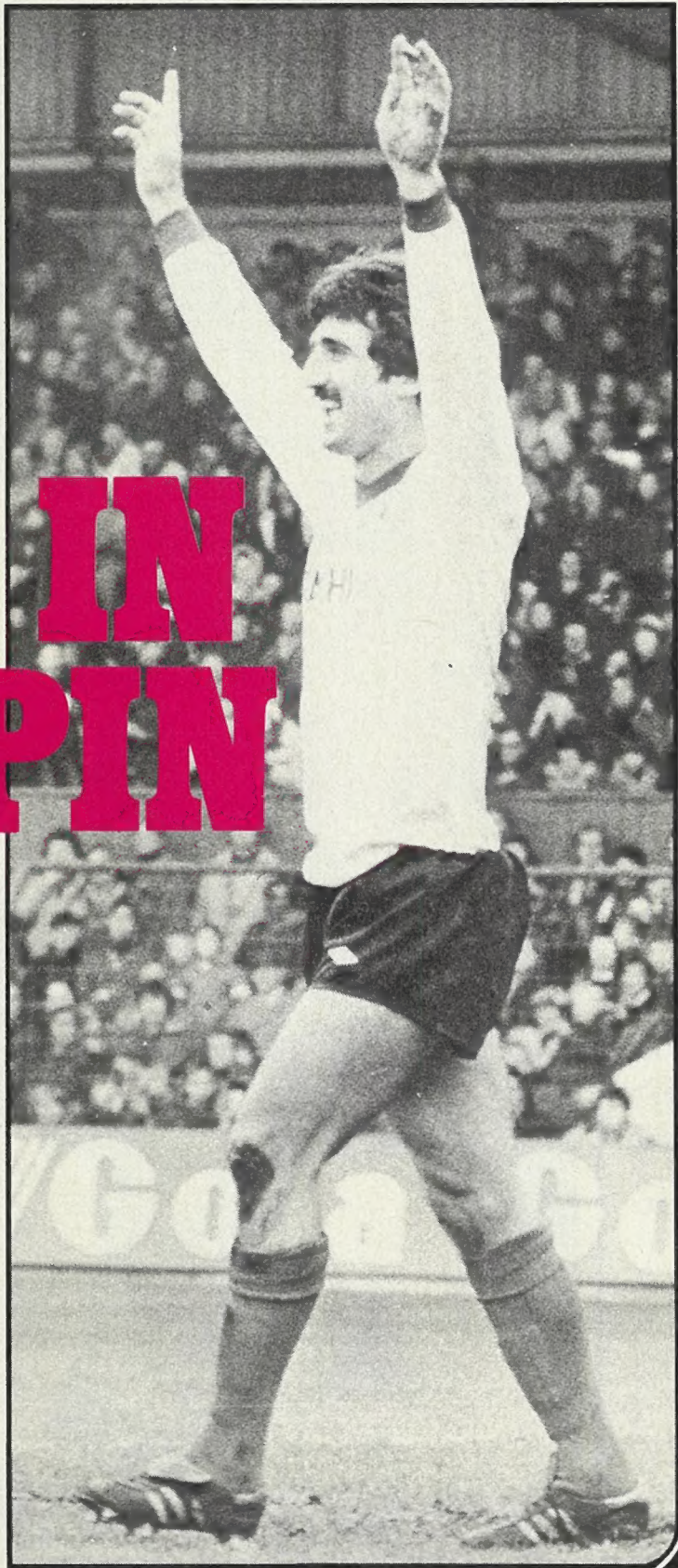
against Belgium in the European Championship. A game England drew 1-1 and one which Johnson did not even finish. He was pulled off midway through the second-half to make way for his Anfield colleague Ray Kennedy.

"That game wasn't good for any of us," says Johnson. "At the time it looked a bad result, but Belgium went on to surprise a few people didn't they?"

On many occasions this season

Johnson has been seen alone at Liverpool's Melwood training ground putting extra time in when the rest of the squad have gone home.

It is that sort of dedication and determination that has, in the past, turned David Johnson from one of the fringe players at Anfield into an integral part of the team. When he says he wants to play for England again you can be sure he means it.



# D.J. IN A SPIN

Norway in a World Cup qualifying game in October.

"I want to get back in the England side," says Johnson. "I don't believe Ron Greenwood blamed me because we failed to achieve what we set out to do in Italy. I only had 50 minutes football in Italy."

"I'm constantly being asked: 'What about your England place?' Well, it's not my England place. It is anybody's who is good enough to hold it down at any particular time."

"At present that is Paul Mariner. But I haven't given up."

Johnson made his debut for Don Revie in May, 1975, against Wales. There was a five-year gap between his last game for Revie, against Switzerland in 1975, and the time when he next pulled on the white shirt. This time it was for Ron Greenwood against the Republic of Ireland last February.

In total Johnson has made eight appearances for England, scoring five goals in the process, and making a few more. The two England scored against Scotland during the British Championship in May immediately come to mind.

His last game for England was

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# FOCUS ON JOHN LUKIC

## Leeds United

**FULL NAME:** John Lukic  
**BIRTHPLACE:** Chesterfield  
**BIRTHDATE:** December 11, 1960  
**HEIGHT:** 6ft 4ins  
**WEIGHT:** 13st 6lbs  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** None  
**MARRIED:** No  
**CAR:** Ford  
**FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER:** Daily Express  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** Tony Currie  
**MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE:** There are many  
**FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:** Real Madrid  
**FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD:** No one in particular  
**FAVOURITE OTHER SPORT:** Tennis  
**MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT:** They are all difficult in different ways  
**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:** Southampton v Leeds in the League  
**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** Yet to meet it  
**FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS:** Liverpool  
**FAVOURITE FOOD & DRINK:** Smoked salmon and any soft drink  
**MISCELLANEOUS LIKES AND DISLIKES:** Listening to records/travelling to away games  
**FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT:** Monte Carlo  
**FAVOURITE T.V. STAR, MALE AND FEMALE:** Freddie Starr, Farrah Fawcett  
**FAVOURITE SINGERS:** Neil Diamond, Elton John, Elvis Presley  
**AFTER-MATCH ROUTINE:** Have a soft drink and then go home and relax  
**BEST FRIEND:** I have many  
**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** The coaching staff at Leeds United and David Harvey  
**INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:** England Youth and Under 21 caps  
**PERSONAL AMBITION:** To be happy, healthy and successful  
**IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO?** Draughtsman  
**WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET?** H.M. The Queen

*John Lukic*



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